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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE OFFICERS OF THE  
TOWN OF NEEDHAM  
MASSACHUSETTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31  
1923  
TOGETHER WITH THE  
Town Clerk's Record of Town-Meetings



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# TOWN OFFICERS, 1923-1924

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## Moderator

William G. Moseley

## Town Clerk

Clarence E. Foss

## Selectmen

Harry L. Thompson      Allston R. Bowers, *Chairman*

\*George E. Wragg  
Roscoe A. Carter

## Assessors

George W. Holt, 1926      Charles W. Woodbury, *Chairman*, 1924  
William J. Cozens, Jr., 1925

## Overseers of the Poor

Susan W. Fiske, 1925      Evan C. Thorpe, *Chairman*, 1924  
Alfred T. Baker, 1926

## Collector of Taxes

Henry Godfrey, Jr.

## Town Treasurer

Charles E. Stanwood

## Constable

George Twigg

## Tree Warden

George Twigg

## School Committee

Mary C. Whitney, 1925      Arthur G. Johnson, *Chairman*, 1925  
Joseph Satterlee, 1924      W. W. Loomis, 1926  
J. Walter Schirmer, 1926      Harold R. Waining, 1924

## Water Commissioners

Charles W. Jones, 1925      Philip A. Rand, *Chairman*, 1926  
Henry Thomas, 1924

## Trustees of Memorial Park

Oscar H. Starkweather, 1926      Thomas J. Crossman Jr., 1924  
Roscoe A. Carter, 1925      Wallace G. Rae, 1926  
Parkman D. Howe, 1925

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\*Deceased

**Trustees of Public Library**George K. Clarke, *Chairman*, 1926

J. Merrill Boyd, 1925

Austin H. Keyes, 1926

Edith C. May, 1925

Robert B. Walker, 1924

A. L. Parker, 1924

**Park Commissioners**Preston Mitchell, *Chairman*, 1926

Frederick S. Kingsbury, 1925

I. Tucker Burr, Jr., 1924

**Finance Committee**Robert H. Gardiner, Jr., *Chairman*, 1924

Harry J. Robinson, 1924

Samuel D. Low, 1926

Edgar S. Stanley, 1924

R. H. Preble, 1926

George A. Lord, 1925

J. Wells Farley, 1925

Alfred P. Hartshorn, 1925

Arthur G. Curren, 1926

**Highway Surveyors and Town Agents**Harry L. Thompson, *Chairman*

Allston R. Bowers

Roscoe A. Carter

**Surveyors of Lumber**

Alfred Parker

Howard A. Flewelling

**Measurers of Wood and Bark**

Joseph Willett

James H. Whetton

**Town Planning Board**

Arthur W. Rohn, 1924

E. B. Allen, 1925

F. S. Kingsbury, 1926

G. D. Herdman, 1927

F. A. Norcross, 1928

**Commissioners of Trust Funds**

R. B. Hill, 1924

Arnold McIntosh, 1925

Preston Mitchell, 1926

**Public Weighers**

Joseph Willett

James H. Whetton

Armand J. Mathey

Arthur H. Whetton

Alexander McKay

Bertha E. Coburn

\*Isaac Warren

Nellie Burkett

**APPOINTED****Registrars of Voters**Charles M. Donahue, *Chairman*, 1924

Colin Rae, 1925

William C. Payne, 1926

Clarence E. Foss, *ex-officio***Superintendent of Streets**

Walter A. Sancie

**Superintendent of Schools**

John C. Davis

\*Deceased

**Superintendent of the Water Department**

George A. Adams

**Town Accountant**

Clarence E. Foss

**Agent and Clerk for Overseers of Poor**

Francis J. Stanwood

**Inspector of Buildings**

H. Howard Upham

**Inspector of Cattle and Provisions**

Samuel O. Fowle, M.D.V.

**Superintendent of Fire Alarm**

H. Howard Upham

**Forest Warden**

H. Howard Upham

**Deputy Forest Wardens**

Dana L. Southworth  
 Charles G. Robinson  
 William S. Cassidy, Jr.  
 William H. Stanton

Edward Daly  
 William B. Colter  
 Charles W. Harris  
 George Webster

**Agent of the Board of Health**

H. E. Berger, Jr., Address Wellesley Hills, Mass.

**Engineers of Fire Department**H. Howard Upham, *Chief*

Thomas R. Quinlan

George W. Holt

**Inspector of Wires**

Joseph Alexander

**Superintendent for the Suppression of Gypsy and  
Browntail Moth**

George Twigg

**Constable**

Samuel H. Wragg

**Janitor of Town Hall**

\*Isaac Warren

William G. Price

**Keeper of Lockup**

Norman MacKenzie

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

William H. Stanton

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\*Deceased



## TOWN OF NEEDHAM

**Fish and Game Warden**

William H. Stanton

**Dog Officer**

William H. Stanton

**Police**Norman MacKenzie, *Chief*Charles G. Robinson  
Arthur P. BlissFrank O. Haddock  
William H. Knowles**Special Police**Arthur H. Whetton  
G. Gilbert Toone  
Walter K. Queen  
Armand J. Mathey  
Samuel H. Wragg  
William H. Stanton  
James H. Whetton  
H. Howard Upham  
Edward Daly  
John W. CoppingerGeorge Twigg  
J. Frederick Gehling  
John W. Riley  
John P. Bergen  
James F. Daly  
Benjamin H. Nickerson  
Patrick Ford  
Patrick Gill  
William S. Cassidy, Jr.  
Albert G. Slaney

Frank O'Leary

**Agent for Enforcement of Workmen's Compensation**

Clarence E. Foss





THOMAS SUTTON



## In Memoriam

THOMAS SUTTON

BORN IN ROXBURY, MASS., APRIL 2, 1850.

DIED IN SOUTHERN PINES, N. C., FEBRUARY 20, 1923.

SELECTMAN FROM 1888 TO 1892.

TOWN TREASURER PRO TEM 1905-06.

REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT 1903-1904.

TOWN CLERK FROM 1897 TO DATE OF DEATH.



TOWN OF NEEDHAM

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# TOWN CLERK'S RECORD

*of the*

Annual Election of Town Officers

MARCH 12

*and*

Annual and Adjourned Town Meetings

MARCH 19, MARCH 28 AND APRIL 9

1923



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# Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1923

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Needham, in  
said County,

### GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on

**Monday, the Twelfth Day of March, 1923**

at forty-five minutes past five o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following article viz:

Article 1. To choose by ballot the following Town Officers: One Moderator for one year, one Town Clerk for one year, three Selectmen for one year, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Assessor for two years to fill vacancy, one Town Treasurer for one year, one Collector of Taxes for one year, two Constables for one year, two members of the School Committee for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, one Trustee of the Public Library for one year to fill vacancy, one Park Commissioner for three years, one Tree Warden for one year, three members of the Finance Committee for three years, one member of the Finance Committee for two years to fill vacancy, two Memorial Park Trustees for three years, one Commissioner of Trust Funds for one year, one Commissioner of Trust Funds for two years, one Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years, one member of the Town Planning Board for one year, one member of the Town Planning Board for two years, one member of the Town Planning Board for three years, one mem-



ber of the Town Planning Board for four years, and one member of the Town Planning Board for five years, and upon the same ballot to vote "yes" or "no" upon the following question, "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-three entitled 'An Act providing for the submission of certain votes and motions for referendum in the Town of Needham,' be accepted?" and upon the same ballot to vote "yes" or "no" upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?"

**And on Monday, the Nineteenth Day of March, 1923**

at seven o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz:

Article 2. To choose and appoint all other necessary Town Officers, in such manner as the Town may determine.

Article 3. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take relative to unexpended balances and deficiencies of 1922.

Article 5. To see what disposition the Town will make of the money received from dog licenses.

Article 6. To see what sums of money the Town will appropriate for the necessary Town charges and expenses.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of revenue of the current financial year.

Article 8. To see what action the Town will take relative to the salaries of its Town Officers.

Article 9. To see in what manner the Town will have its taxes collected, and fix the compensation thereof for the current year.

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept a Quit-claim Deed from Charles B. Moseley, N. Maria Moseley, and the Newton Trust Com-

pany, of all their right, title, and interest, in and to a parcel of land adjoining the parcel of land now owned by the Town, known as the old high-school lot.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept a Quit-claim Deed running to the Town from N. Maria Moseley, widow, of all her right, title, and interest, in and to the parcel of land adjoining the parcel referred to in Article 10 to be conveyed.

Article 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept a Quit-claim Deed running to the Town from N. Maria Moseley, widow, Charles B. Moseley, M. Grace Moseley Smith, Ruth M. Moseley, widow, individually, and as Guardian of John B. Moseley, of all their right, title and interest, now remaining in the lot of land known as the old high-school lot upon which the present high school is now located, and to appropriate the sum of \$10.00 to pay Ruth M. Moseley, as Guardian of John B. Moseley, for the release of said minor's interest.

Article 13. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the construction of a section of Central Avenue provided the County or the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, will allot an equal amount for said construction, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of three consisting of the Board of Selectmen to procure an option on a lot of land for a Central Fire Station, and report at the next Town Meeting or pass any vote or votes relative thereto, on petition of the Board of Fire Engineers.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to investigate as to the needs, advisability, and cost of constructing a passage way under the tracks of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. so that the pupils may walk safely from the Riverside neighborhood to the Eliot School, and report at the next Town Meeting, on petition of the School Committee.

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate to improve sanitary conditions at the Kimball School, on petition of the School Committee.

Article 17. To hear the report of the Special Committee appointed to procure plans for a High School Building, and to take action thereon, and to appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to carry out any vote or votes relative to the construction of, or alterations in, and additions to a building for a high school.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to issue its Serial Bonds to an amount not exceeding \$300,000 to run for a period not exceeding twenty years at a rate of interest not exceeding 5 per cent per annum for the purpose of constructing a new high-school building or constructing such additions to the present high-school building, as will increase the floor space of the said building and for providing original equipment and furnishing for such new building or for such additions, and to take any other action relating to said bonds.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow on temporary loan such sums of money as may be necessary in anticipation of issuing its High School Bonds, the same to be paid therefrom.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to pay the expense of building a cellar on Memorial Park, and for moving the Moseley house thereon and to pay for connecting up and replacement of plumbing and heating fixtures and building the necessary cesspool and grading the grounds and for such repairs as may be required by reason of moving the building, and to authorize and instruct the proper officials to execute and deliver in the name of the Town a lease of said building, when so moved, to the American Legion Post, 14, of Needham for the term of thirty-three years at a rental of one dollar per annum, and to pass any vote or votes which may be required to carry out and effect the purpose set forth in this article, on petition of David Murdoch and others.

Article 21. To see if the Town will authorize its Selectmen to install a street-light on the corner of Elliott and Sargent Streets, on petition of J. Thomas Frest and others.

Article 22. To see if the Town will authorize its Selectmen to install a street-light at or near the inter-

section of Hillcrest and Ingleside Roads, on petition of Edgar H. Chandler and others.

Article 23. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$450 to satisfy an execution dated February 19, 1923, and issued by the Superior Court of Norfolk County to Alger E. Eaton for damages in connection with the relocation of High Rock Street.

Article 24. To see if the Town will direct its Selectmen to construct a new granolithic sidewalk to take the place of the present walk on the south side of Great Plain Avenue from the railroad crossing to the west side of Chestnut Street and continuing on the west side of Chestnut Street to the new walk constructed in 1922 and appropriate money to defray the cost of said construction, provided the owner or owners of the property abutting said walk will pay one-half the cost thereof, on petition of Samuel Rosenblat and others.

Article 25. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of rebuilding Greendale Avenue from Great Plain Avenue to a point approximately two hundred (200) feet north of the railroad bridge on said Greendale Avenue, on petition of Glendon V. Partridge and others.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a piano for the Town Hall and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$1,000 therefor, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto, on petition of Walter K. Queen and others.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend its by-laws by adding thereto the following "No building shall be erected for or converted to use as a garage unless such use is previously authorized by the Board of Selectmen," on petition of Henry W. Jarvis and others.

Article 28. To see if the Town will appoint a special committee of five citizens on revision of the Town's by-laws, said committee to report at the next annual Town Meeting.

Article 29. To see what action the Town will take on a resolution requesting legislation: (1) To fix the maximum price at which coal may be sold in any congressional district or part thereof: (2) To provide for



prior sales and shipments to consumers and to retailers of coal.

Article 30. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$350 for the purpose of employing an engineer to bring in plans and specifications relative to drains for surface water on certain highways, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Article 31. To see what action the Town will take relative to the construction of a municipal garage and to appropriate money therefor.

Article 32. To see if the Town will accept Harris Avenue from Dedham Avenue to Mayo Avenue, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, as laid out by the Selectmen according to a plan on file with the Town Clerk, on petition of Florence P. Mann and others.

Article 33. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$16,000 for the construction of Harris Avenue from Dedham Avenue to Mayo Avenue under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, as laid out by the Selectmen and according to a plan on file with the Town Clerk.

Article 34. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for the construction of a drain from Great Plain Avenue through Bradford Street, Harris Avenue (so-called), land of Salman, through Dedham Avenue and land of Wing, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Article 35. To see if the Town will accept General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 73, providing for the establishment of a Board of Survey.

Article 36. To see if the Town will appropriate \$4,500 to make specific repairs on the easterly portion of Fair Oaks Park from Great Plain Avenue to May Street, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, according to plans and specifications on file with the Town Clerk.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to install a fire-alarm signal box in each of its school houses and appropriate money to defray the cost thereof, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.



Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Board of Fire Engineers with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell or dispose of the horse-drawn ladder truck and equipment, on petition of the Board of Fire Engineers.

Article 39. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$5,880 to be expended for the payment of damages incident to the relocation of Central Avenue as ordered by the decree of the County Commissioners dated January 24, 1922, the Town to be reimbursed in said sum in accordance with said decree when said damages have been paid.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to have the reports of its officers, the proceedings of this and subsequent Town Meetings, and the Valuation List of the Assessors, printed and distributed, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in not less than twenty public places in said Town at least seven days before said meeting and to leave a copy at each of the several dwelling houses within said Town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, unto our Town Clerk, on or before said day and hour.

Given under our hands at Needham aforesaid this third day of March, A. D., 1923.

(Seal)

HARRY L. THOMPSON,  
ALLSTON R. BOWERS,  
GEORGE E. WRAGG,

Selectmen of Needham.

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### OFFICER'S RETURN

Norfolk SS.

Needham, Mass., March 3, 1923.

By virtue of this warrant I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Needham to meet as within directed, by posting true and attested

copies of this warrant in twenty public places in said town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by leaving a copy at each of the several dwelling houses as within directed.

GEORGE TWIGG,

Constable of Needham.

A true copy of warrant and officer's return.

Attest

EMMA L. SUTTON,

Town Clerk.

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## Record of the Annual Town Meeting

March 12, 1923.

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Pursuant of the foregoing warrant a meeting of the inhabitants of the town Needham, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, was held in the Town Hall in said town on Monday, March 12, 1923, at forty-five minutes past five o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

Voted to omit reading the articles in the warrant.

The Town Clerk read the return of the officer who notified and warned the inhabitants.

Article 1. Voted to proceed to ballot for the following Town Officers, viz: One Moderator for one year, one Town Clerk for one year, three Selectmen for one year, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Assessor for two years to fill vacancy, one Town Treasurer for one year, one Collector of Taxes for one year, two Constables for one year, two members of the School Committee for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, one Trustee of the Public Library for one year to fill vacancy, one Park Commissioner for three years, one Tree Warden for one

year, three members of the Finance Committee, for three years, one member of the Finance Committee for two years to fill vacancy, two Memorial Park Trustees for three years, one Commissioner of Trust Funds for one year, one Commissioner of Trust Funds for two years, one Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years, one member of the Town Planning Board for one year, one member of the Town Planning Board for two years, one member of the Town Planning Board for three years, one member of the Town Planning Board for four years, and one member of the Town Planning Board for five years.

Pursuant to Chapter 54, Section 21 of the General Laws the Selectmen having appointed Mrs. Benjamin Chase, Mary Fitzgerald, ballot clerks, and Annette Freeman, Grace S. Wragg, William W. Hewett, William C. Payne, Albert E. Brownville and George W. Braceland as tellers, they were sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties by the Moderator.

The ballots prepared for use at this election by the Town Clerk were then delivered by her to the ballot clerks and their receipt taken therefor.

Cards of instruction and specimen ballots were then posted as required by Chapter 54 Section 48 of the General Laws.

The ballot box was publicly opened by the Moderator and shown to be empty.

The box was then locked and the key delivered to George Twigg, the officer in attendance.

The polls were opened at fifty minutes past five o'clock in the forenoon and were kept open until eight o'clock in the afternoon.

Additional tellers were appointed by the Moderator as required by Chapter 54, Section 48 of the General Laws as follows: Garnet W. Earle, Samuel H. Wragg, Lilas McIntosh, Francis F. Crafts, Willis S. Brownville, Josephine C. Bois, Linda P. Brownville, Harold R. Walton, William A. Conley, Mildred M. Powers, Leon I. Wood, William F. Casey, William J. Gilfoil, Robert O. Pidgeon, Daniel L. Sullivan and R. Cleveland Elliott and they were severally sworn.

As the ballots were taken from the box they were audibly counted by the Moderator: at thirty minutes past eleven o'clock in the forenoon six hundred ballots were taken from the box, at fifty minutes past five o'clock in the afternoon eight hundred ballots were taken from the box, and at eight o'clock in the afternoon six hundred and thirty-five ballots were taken from the box making the total number of ballots cast two thousand and thirty-five (2,035). The total number ballots cast by men was twelve hundred and four (1,204), the total number of ballots cast by women was eight hundred and thirty-one (831).

A canvass of all votes given was made as required by law. Upon the completion of the canvass of all votes cast the result of the voting was declared by the Moderator to be as follows, viz:

#### For Moderator

William G. Moseley .....	1,499
Harry L. Thompson .....	20
Scattering .....	5
Blanks .....	511
and William G. Moseley was declared elected Moderator for one year.	

#### Town Clerk

Clarence E. Foss .....	1,171
Winthrop M. Southworth .....	780
Blanks .....	84
and Clarence E. Foss was declared elected Town Clerk for one year.	

#### For Selectmen

Allston R. Bowers .....	995
Leslie B. Cutler .....	840
Julius F. Haller .....	901
Harry L. Thompson .....	1,101
George E. Wragg .....	1,089
Blanks .....	1,179
and Allston R. Bowers, Harry L. Thompson and George E. Wragg were declared elected Selectmen for one year.	

#### For Assessors (for three years)

George W. Holt .....	1,566
Blanks .....	469

and George W. Holt was declared elected Assessor for three years.

For Assessor (for two years)

William J. Cozens, Jr. ....	739
Frederick L. Morton ....	552
William Regan ....	434
Blanks ....	310

and William J. Cozens, Jr., was declared elected Assessor for two years.

For Overseer of the Poor (for three years)

Alfred T. Baker ....	1,531
Blanks ....	504

and Alfred T. Baker was declared elected Overseer of the Poor for three years.

For Town Treasurer

Charles E. Stanwood ....	1,566
Scattering ....	1
Blanks ....	468

and Charles E. Stanwood was declared elected Town Treasurer for one year.

For Collector of Taxes

John F. Durbin ....	495
Henry Godfrey, Jr. ....	811
Theodore Graham ....	221
Theodore McIntosh ....	449
Blanks ....	59

and Henry Godfrey, Jr., was declared elected Collector of Taxes for one year.

For Tree Warden

George Twigg ....	1,609
Scattering ....	1
Blanks ....	425

and George Twigg was declared elected Tree Warden for one year.

For Constables

Edward A. Daley, Jr. ....	1,291
George Twigg ....	1,496
Scattering ....	3
Blanks ....	1,280



and Edward A. Daley, Jr., and George Twigg were declared elected Constables for one year.

For School Committee (for three years)

Harry H. Bruns .....	712
Charles W. Coleman .....	599
Warren W. Loomis .....	984
J. Walter Schirmer .....	874
Blanks .....	901

and Warren W. Loomis and J. Walter Schirmer were declared elected for School Committee for three years.

For Water Commissioner (for three years)

Philip A. Rand .....	1,489
Blanks .....	546

and Philip A. Rand was declared elected Water Commissioner for three years.

FOR TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

(for three years)

George K. Clarke .....	1,428
Austin H. Keyes .....	1,395
Blanks .....	1,247

and George K. Clarke and Austin H. Keyes were declared elected Trustees of the Public Library for three years.

FOR TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

(for one year)

Arthur L. Parker .....	1,370
Blanks .....	665

and Arthur L. Parker was declared elected Trustee of the Public Library for one year.

FOR TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK

(for three years)

Wallace G. Rae .....	1,427
Oscar H. Starkweather .....	1,355
Scattering .....	2
Blanks .....	1,286

and Wallace G. Rae and Oscar H. Starkweather were declared elected Trustees of Memorial Park for three years.

## FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE (for three years)

Arthur G. Curren .....	1,178
Samuel D. Low .....	898
Alfred Parker .....	856
Ralph P. Preble .....	928
Dana L. Southworth .....	888
Blanks .....	1,357

and Arthur G. Curren, Samuel D. Low and Ralph P. Preble were declared elected for Finance Committee for three years.

## FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE (for two years)

John W. Farley .....	1,320
Blanks .....	715

and John W. Farley was declared elected for Finance Committee for two years.

## FOR PARK COMMISSIONER (for three years)

Preston Mitchell .....	1,479
Blanks .....	556

and Preston Mitchell was declared elected Park Commissioner for three years.

## FOR TOWN PLANNING BOARD (for one year)

Arthur W. Rohn .....	1,261
Blanks .....	774

and Arthur W. Rohn was declared elected for Town Planning Board for one year.

## FOR TOWN PLANNING BOARD (for two years)

Ernest B. Allen .....	1,209
Blanks .....	826

and Ernest B. Allen was declared elected for Town Planning Board for two years.

## FOR TOWN PLANNING BOARD (for three years)

Frederick S. Kingsbury .....	1,260
Blanks .....	775

and Frederick S. Kingsbury was declared elected for Town Planning Board for three years.

## FOR TOWN PLANNING BOARD (for four years)

Gordon W. Herdman .....	1,215
Scattering .....	1
Blanks .....	819

and Gordon W. Herdman was declared elected for Town Planning Board for four years.

#### FOR TOWN PLANNING BOARD (for five years)

Fred A. Norcross .....	1,209
Blanks .....	825
Scattering .....	1

and Fred A. Norcross was declared elected for Town Planning Board for five years.

#### FOR COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS

(for one year)

R. B. Hill .....	14
Scattering .....	51
Blanks .....	1,970

and R. B. Hill was declared elected Commissioner of Trust Funds for one year.

#### FOR COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS

(for two years)

Arnold McIntosh .....	12
Mrs. J. R. Eldridge .....	12
Scattering .....	34
Blanks .....	1,977

and it was declared no election.

#### FOR COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS

(for three years)

Preston Mitchell .....	12
Fred L. Fanning .....	12
Scattering .....	41
Blanks .....	1,970

and it was declared no election.

Upon the question: "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-three entitled 'An Act providing for the submission of certain votes and motions for referendum in the Town of Needham, be accepted?" The result was as follows, viz:

Yes .....	739
No .....	350
Blanks .....	946

Declared accepted.

Upon the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?" The result was as follows, viz:

Yes .....	563
No .....	1,039
Blanks .....	433

Declared not accepted.

After the result of the voting had been declared, the ballots cast, the undistributed ballots, and also the check lists were sealed up, endorsed by the election officers and placed in the custody of the Town Clerk.

Attest:

EMMA L. SUTTON, Town Clerk.

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS

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March 19, 1923.

Pursuant of the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the town of Needham, qualified to vote in town affairs, met in the Town Hall in said town on Monday, March 19, 1923, at 7:30 o'clock.

William G. Moseley, Moderator, in the chair.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:



# Resolutions

on the death of the late Town Clerk

## THOMAS SUTTON

Whereas: Death has removed that stalwart champion of the right, Thomas Sutton, who for twenty-six consecutive years served Needham as its Town Clerk, and

Whereas: By his strict integrity in all matters of business and his unswerving fidelity in the discharge of his many public duties he had won the unbounded confidence, respect and esteem of the community.

Resolved: That in his decease the Town has lost an able and devoted official and the people a proved and loyal friend, the memory of whose life will long be cherished by his fellowtownsmen, and will be an example worthy of emulation, and

Resolved: That these resolutions be entered in the Town Records and that an engrossed copy be sent to his bereaved family to whom in their great affliction the heartfelt sympathy of the people of Needham is hereby most respectfully tendered.

Signed on behalf of the people in Town Meeting assembled this nineteenth day of March, 1923.

ALLSTON R. BOWERS,  
GEORGE E. WRAGG,  
HARRY L. THOMPSON,

Selectmen

A silence of one minute out of respect to the memory of the late Thomas Sutton was observed.

Article 2. Under this article the following town officers were elected:

Highway Surveyors and Town Agents: Allston R. Bowers, George E. Wragg and Harry L. Thompson.

Surveyors of Lumber: Alfred Parker and Howard A. Flewelling.

Measurers of Wood and Bark: James H. Whetton, Joseph Willett and Armand J. Mathey.

Public Weighers: Joseph Willett, James H. Whetton, Armand J. Mathey, Arthur H. Whetton, Isaac Warren, John R. Nichols, Alexander McKay, Charles W. Woodbury, Nellie Burkett and Bertha E. Coburn.

Article 3. Action postponed.

Article 4. Voted, that all unexpended balances of 1922 appropriations be returned to the treasury except the appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) made at the adjourned annual meeting in 1922 to be used by the committee appointed in 1921 to investigate sewerage disposal for Needham, and the balance of the appropriations for the Chestnut Street Bridge, Hillside Avenue Wall, Transportation Committee and for the purchase of the Kingsbury Ledge and that these four balances be continued for the year 1923.

Voted: That the sum of sixty-seven hundred dollars (\$6,700) be appropriated for deficiencies and overdrafts of 1922 this amount to be taken from the accumulated revenue on hand December 31, 1922.

Article 5. Voted: That the money raised from Dog Licenses, namely, seven hundred and thirty-three dollars and fifty-four cents (\$733.54) be appropriated for the use of the Public Library.

Article 6. The following appropriations were made under this article, each item being voted on separately, viz:

For Selectmen's Department, ten hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,050).

For Accounting Department, sixteen hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,650).

For Treasurer's Department, one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

For Tax Collector's Department, two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

For Assessors' Salaries, twenty-one hundred dollars (\$2,100).

For Assessors' Department, incidentals, nine hundred dollars (\$900).

For Finance Committee, two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

For Town Clerk's Department, seven hundred dollars (\$700).

For Election Expenses, eleven hundred dollars (\$1,100).

For care and maintenance of the Town Hall and grounds, fifty-seven hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$5,755).

For Police Department, ten thousand three hundred and ten dollars (\$10,310).

For Fire Department, engineers salaries, two hundred dollars (\$200).

For Fire Department, salaries and payroll including those of the Fire Alarm Department, twelve thousand seven hundred and sixty-six dollars (\$12,766).

For Fire Department, maintenance, twenty-seven hundred and sixty-five dollars (\$2,765).

For maintenance of Fire Alarm, eleven hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$1,185).

For Board of Health, thirty-six hundred and thirty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$3,636.50).

For Inspections, sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600).

For Highway Department, forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000), of which sum not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) be used for reconstruction.

For the construction of permanent sidewalks (granolithic) ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) under the

betterment acts, of which appropriation not less than one-half shall be assessed as betterments or paid by the abutters.

For general construction and repair of sidewalks three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

For Poor Department, sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000).

For Soldiers' Relief, eight hundred dollars (\$800).

For State Aid, nine hundred dollars (\$900).

For Military Aid, five hundred dollars (\$500).

For Tree Warden Department, seven hundred ninety-five dollars and eleven cents (\$795.11).

For suppression of Gypsy and Brown-tail Moths, on public property, forty-seven hundred and forty-two dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$4,742.59).

For Suppression of Gypsy and Brown-tail Moths on private property, forty-five hundred dollars (\$4,500).

For Forest Warden, one hundred and forty-five dollars (\$145).

For insurance premiums, eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800).

For removal of garbage, one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150).

For lighting streets, ninety-six hundred dollars (\$9,600).

For removal of snow, nine thousand three hundred dollars (\$9,300), to include removal of snow from the fire hydrants.

For School Department, one hundred and thirty-five thousand seven hundred and ninety dollars (\$135,790) together with the income from the Dwight School Fund.

For tuition of vocational pupils, eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800).

For Public Library, fifty-seven hundred and twenty-four dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$5,724.57).

For Park Commissioner's Department, nine hundred dollars (\$900).

For observance of Memorial Day, two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

For rent of rooms for the G. A. R. Post one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150).

For printing and distributing town reports, expense of dog officer, certification of town notes, engineers fees, printing and legal expenses, fourteen hundred dollars (\$1,400).

For Reserve Fund, twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

For interest on temporary loans, seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7,500).

For interest on general loans, fourteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-five dollars and seventy-five cents (\$14,985.75).

For municipal indebtedness, thirty-one thousand four hundred dollars (\$31,400).

For Trustees of Memorial Park, thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3,500).

For rent of American Legion headquarters, three hundred and sixty dollars (\$360).

For the Town's assessment for the maintenance of the Norfolk County Hospital, five thousand eighteen dollars and sixty-two cents (\$5,018.62).

Article 7. Voted: That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1923, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year; any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 8. Voted: That the salaries of the town officers be the same as in 1922.

Article 9. Voted: That all poll and personal property taxes shall be paid on demand, and all other taxes on or before the first day of October, 1923. Interest at



the rate of six per cent per annum shall be charged from October 15, 1923, on all taxes not paid on or before the first day of November, 1923. The Collector shall use the means provided by law for the collection of all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of December, 1923. (The above shall be printed on the tax bills).

If in the judgment of the Collector, in consequence of removal, or any other circumstance, any tax should be collected before the first day of October he is fully authorized to serve his warrant in the collection of such tax at any time.

The Collector shall guarantee to collect the full amount of all taxes legally assessed and committed to him for collection (except such sums as may be abated by the Assessors) and shall pay the said taxes together with the accrued interest thereon over to the Town Treasurer from time to time as he collects the same and shall pay the full amount of all taxes committed to him for collection together with the accrued interest thereon, except such sums as may be abated, over to the Town Treasurer on or before April 1, 1924, and shall turn over his completed warrant together with all papers relating to the same, to the Town Clerk not later than July 1, 1924.

The Tax Collector shall receive one half of one per cent of the tax warrant for collection of the taxes for the year 1923 payable monthly as and when same are collected, this compensation shall include all expenses, except payment of the Tax Collector's bond.

Article 10. Voted: That the Selectmen be and the same are hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the Town a quitclaim deed running to the Town from Charles B. Moseley, N. Maria Moseley and the Newton Trust Company of all their right, title and interest in and to a parcel of land adjoining the parcel of land known as the old High School lot.

Article 11. Voted: That the Selectmen be and the same are hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the Town a quitclaim deed running to the Town from N. Maria Moseley, widow, of all her right, title and interest in and to a parcel of land adjoining the parcel referred to in article ten (10).

Article 12. Voted: That the Selectmen be and the same are hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the Town a quitclaim deed running to the Town from N. Maria Moseley, widow, Charles B. Moseley, M. Grace Moseley Smith, Ruth M. Moseley, widow, individually, and from Ruth M. Moseley as guardian of John B. Moseley, minor, of all their right, title and interest now remaining in the lot of land known as the old High School lot, upon which the present High School is now located; and that the sum of ten dollars (\$10) be appropriated to pay the said Ruth M. Moseley as guardian of said John B. Moseley for the release of said minor's interest therein.

Article 13. Voted: That the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) be appropriated for the construction of a section of Central Avenue, provided the County or the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, will allot an equal amount for said construction.

Article 14. Voted: That the Board of Selectmen be constituted a committee to procure an option on a lot of land for a Central Fire Station without incurring any expense or obligation and to report to the next annual town meeting.

Article 15. Voted: That a committee of three appointed by the Moderator be constituted to investigate the needs, advisability, and cost of constructing a passageway under the tracks of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. so that the pupils may walk safely from the Riverside neighborhood to the Eliot School, and report at the next annual town meeting.

Article 17. Voted: That the report of the Special Committee appointed to procure plans for the High School building be accepted and placed on file.

Voted: That the sum of two hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$280,000) be appropriated for the construction of a new High School building on land acquired for that purpose including the cost of original equipment and furnishings.

Article 20. Voted: As a token of appreciation of the services and sacrifices of the Needham men as soldiers, sailors and marines in the World's War and to commemorate such services and sacrifices, the sum of five

thousand dollars (\$5,000) is hereby appropriated for the purpose of excavating a cellar and building the necessary wall and foundation, at a location on Memorial Park to be designated by the Memorial Park Trustees and acceptable to the members of the local Post 14 of the American Legion, and for moving the Moseley house, just acquired by the Town, from its present location to the location selected on Memorial Park and to connect or replace and connect the plumbing, fixtures and heating apparatus, and to make such alterations and repairs in the building as may be found necessary to put the same in first class condition; also to provide a cesspool, grade and seed the grounds adjacent to the building, and the house when so moved to be known as Memorial Park Headquarters, Post 14, and the Trustees of Memorial Park to make such regulations as may be necessary to give to Needham Post 14 of the American Legion and such of its auxiliaries and affiliated organizations as the Post may desire, the sole and exclusive use of said headquarters, and the Board of Memorial Park Trustees and John J. Coppinger, Amos H. Shepherdson and Coleman Hands of the Post are hereby constituted a committee with full powers to carry out the above and in the name of the Town to make such contracts as are found necessary to give this vote full force and effect.

Voted to adjourn to Wednesday, March 28, 1923, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dismissed at 10:10 P. M.

Attest:

CLARENCE E. FOSS, Town Clerk.

Registered voters present according to check list,  
449.

# Adjourned Annual Town Meeting

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March 28, 1923.

Pursuant to adjournment the inhabitants of the Town of Needham, qualified to vote in town affairs, met in the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 28, 1923, at 8:10 o'clock in the afternoon.

William G. Moseley, Moderator, presiding.

Charles W. Woodbury, Charles M. Donahue, Robert A. Pidgeon and William W. Hewett having been appointed tellers by the Board of Selectmen they were sworn by the Town Clerk. One hundred and seventy-four voters were present.

Article 17. Voted: That the Special Committee appointed to procure plans for the High School Building with the addition of two members of the School Committee to be chosen by the School Committee, be and hereby are constituted a Building Committee to carry out the provisions of the votes under this Article. The plans shall have the approval of the School Committee before any contracts are let.

Article 18. Voted: Unanimously, that the Treasurer of the Town with the approval of a majority of the Selectmen thereof issue serial bonds of the Town to the amount of two hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$280,000), such bonds to be designated "Needham School Loan, Act of 1923," to bear interest at a rate not exceeding five percent per annum payable semi-annually, such bonds to be payable fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) thereof one year from their date and fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) thereof each year thereafter and that the proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be applied towards constructing a new High School building or constructing such additions to the present High School building as will increase the floor space thereof and providing original equipment and furnishings for the said new building or for the said additions.

Article 16. Voted: That the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7,500) be appropriated to improve sanitary conditions at the Kimball School to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.



Article 19. Voted: That the Town Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow on temporary loans such sums of money as may be necessary in anticipation of issuing its High School Loan, same to be paid therefrom. (Unanimous).

Article 21. Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to install a street light at the corner of Ellicott and Sargent Streets.

Article 22. Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to install a street light at or near the corner of Hillcrest and Ingleside Roads.

Article 23. Voted: That the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450) be appropriated to satisfy an execution dated February 19, 1923, issued by the Superior Court for Norfolk County to Alger E. Eaton for damages in connection with the relocation of High Rock Street.

Article 6. Voted: That Article 6 be reconsidered.

Voted: That five hundred dollars (\$500) be appropriated for the collection of garbage for the ensuing year.

Article 24. Voted: That the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) be appropriated for the construction of a new granolithic sidewalk to take the place of the present walk on the south side of Great Plain Avenue from the railroad crossing to the west side of Chestnut Street, and continuing on the west side of Chestnut Street to the new walk constructed in 1922, the work to be done upon the agreement of the owner or owners of the property abutting said walk to reimburse the Town for one-half the cost thereof.

Article 25. Voted: That this Article be dismissed.

Article 26. Voted: That the Town appropriate a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to purchase a grand piano for use in the Town Hall, such sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 27. Voted: That the by-laws of the Town be amended by adding thereto the following: "No building shall be erected for or converted to use as a public



or commercial garage unless such use is previously authorized by the Board of Selectmen."

Article 28. Voted: That a Special Committee consisting of the Moderator, two members of the Board of Selectmen, to be selected by said Board, and two members of the Finance Committee, to be selected by said Committee, be constituted to prepare a revision of the by-laws of the Town and so report, that action may be taken thereon at the next annual town meeting.

Article 29. Dismissed.

Article 30. Voted: That the sum of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) be appropriated for the purpose of employing an engineer to bring in plans and specifications relative to drains for surface water on certain highways and that the Selectmen be authorized to make such use of this appropriation as to them seems to be most expedient for the best interests of the Town.

Article 31. Voted: That the subject matter of this Article be referred to the committee appointed under Article 14 and that that committee be instructed to consider and report upon the advisability of incorporating a municipal garage in the same building as a Central Fire Station.

Article 32. Voted: That the Town accept Harris Avenue, from Dedham Avenue to Mayo Avenue, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments as laid out by the Selectmen according to a plan on file with the Town Clerk.

Article 33. Voted: That the sum of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) be appropriated for the construction of Harris Avenue from Dedham Avenue to Mayo Avenue under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments as laid out by the Selectmen according to a plan on file with the Town Clerk.

Voted to adjourn to Monday, April 9, 1923, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Dismissed at 10:10 P. M.

Attest:

CLARENCE E. FOSS, Town Clerk.

# Adjourned Annual Town Meeting

April 9, 1923.

Pursuant to adjournment the inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, met in the Town Hall on Monday, April 9, 1923, at ten minutes past 8 o'clock in the afternoon.

William G. Moseley, Moderator, in the chair.

Article 34. Voted: That the sum of forty-five hundred (\$4,500) dollars be appropriated for the construction of a drain from Great Plain Avenue, through Bradford Street, Harris Avenue (so-called) through Dedham Avenue or through such other land as the Selectmen may deem expedient, provided easements to pass through private property be first secured from the owners thereof.

Article 35. Voted: That the Town accept General Laws Chapter 41 section 73, providing for the establishment of a Board of Survey.

Article 18. Voted: To reconsider this Article.

Voted: Unanimously that the Treasurer of the Town with the approval of a majority of the Selectmen thereof issue serial bonds of the Town to the amount of two hundred and eighty thousand (\$280,000) dollars such bonds to be designated "Needham School Loan Act of 1923" to bear interest at a rate not to exceed five (5) per cent per annum payable semi-annually, such bonds to be payable fourteen thousand (\$14,000) dollars thereof one year from their date and fourteen thousand (\$14,000) dollars thereof each year thereafter and that the proceeds from the sale of the said bonds shall be applied towards constructing a new High School Building and providing original equipment and furnishings for the said new building.

Article 36. Voted: That the sum of forty-five hundred (\$4,500) dollars be appropriated to make specific repairs on the Easterly portion of Fair Oaks Park from Great Plain Avenue to May Street under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments according to plans and specifications on file with the Town Clerk.

Article 37. Voted: That this Article be dismissed.

Article 3. Voted: That the report of the Sewerage Committee, majority, be accepted.

Article 38. Voted: That the Board of Fire Engineers be authorized to sell or dispose of the horse-drawn ladder truck and equipment with the approval of the Selectmen.

Article 39. Voted: That the sum of fifty-eight hundred and eighty (\$5,880) dollars be appropriated for the payment of damages incident to the relocation of Central Avenue as ordered by the decree of the County Commissioners dated January 24, 1922, the Town to be reimbursed in said sum in accordance with said decree when said damages have been paid.

Article 40. Voted: That the proceedings of the 1923 annual and subsequent Town Meetings and the reports of the Town Officers and Committees be printed and distributed in the same way as in 1922 and that the printing of the Valuation Lists of the Assessors be omitted this year.

Resolve offered and accepted.

Resolved that it is the sense of the meeting that all reports to be submitted at the next Annual Meeting be submitted to the voters in print at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Voted: That this meeting be dissolved. 9 o'clock P. M.

Attest:

CLARENCE E. FOSS, Town Clerk.

One hundred and forty-nine voters were present.



**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**June 21, 1923**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Needham,  
in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on

**Thursday, the Twenty-first day of June, 1923**

at thirty minutes past eleven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following article, viz:

Article 1. To choose by ballot the following Town Officer: One Selectman to fill vacancy.

The polls will open at 11.30 o'clock A. M. and close at 8.00 o'clock P. M.

**And on Thursday, the Twenty-first day of June, 1923**

at fifteen minutes past eight o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz:

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to allow its Police Officers, including the Chief, one day off in eight with pay and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$500 for maintenance of the Police Department, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectmen to purchase for the Police Department an auto wagon and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$1100 therefor, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize its Selectmen to purchase a certain strip of land at the corner of Greendale Avenue and High Street as shown on a plan of land of Jennie D. Stanwood, dated February 20, 1923, and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$85 therefor.



Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept Green-dale Avenue at its intersection with High Street as relocated by the Selectmen and in accordance with a plan on file with the Town Clerk.

Article 6. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not exceeding \$210 for the collection of garbage.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in not less than twenty public places in said Town at least seven days before said meeting and to leave a copy at each of the several dwelling houses within said Town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, unto our Town Clerk, on or before said day and hour.

Given under our hands at Needham aforesaid this fifth day of June, A. D., 1923.

ALLSTON R. BOWERS,  
HARRY L. THOMPSON,  
Selectmen of Needham.

#### OFFICER'S RETURN

Norfolk, ss.

Needham, Mass., June 9, 1923.

By virtue of this warrant I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Needham to meet as within directed, by posting true and attested copies of this warrant, in twenty public places in said Town, more than seven days before the time of holding said meeting, and by leaving a copy at each of the several dwelling houses as within directed.

GEORGE TWIGG,  
Constable of Needham.

A true copy of warrant and officer's return.

Attest:

CLARENCE E. FOSS,  
Town Clerk.

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#### RECORD OF TOWN MEETING

June 21, 1923

Pursuant of the foregoing warrant a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Needham qualified to vote in

elections and town affairs, was held in the Town Hall in said town on Thursday, June 21, 1923 at eleven-thirty o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, William G. Moseley.

Voted to omit the reading of the articles in the warrant.

The return of the officer who notified and warned the inhabitants was read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. Voted to proceed to ballot for the following Officer, viz: One Selectman to fill vacancy.

Pursuant to Chapter 54 Section 21 of the General Laws the Selectmen having appointed Mrs. Benjamin W. Chase, Miss Mary Fitzgerald, Mrs. Mabel Nason, Miss S. Mabel Mackenzie, William G. Payne, Charles W. Woodbury, Paul U. Nickerson and Lester O. Cook as tellers, they were sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties by the Moderator.

The ballots prepared for use at this election by the Town Clerk were then delivered by him to the ballot clerks.

Cards of instruction and specimen ballots were then posted as required by Chapter 54 Section 48 of the General Laws.

The ballot box was publicly opened by the Moderator and shown to be empty.

The box was then re-locked and the key delivered to the officer in attendance.

The polls were opened at eleven-thirty o'clock in the forenoon and were kept open until eight o'clock in the afternoon.

As the ballots were taken from the box they were audibly counted by the Moderator. Total number of ballots cast, by the men 64, by the women 22, a total of 86 ballots.

A canvass of all votes given was made as required by law. Upon the completion of the canvass of all votes cast the result was declared by the Moderator to be as follows, viz:

### **For Selectman to fill vacancy**

Roscoe A. Carter .....	77
Blanks .....	9

and Roscoe A. Carter was declared elected Selectman to fill vacancy.

After the result of the voting had been declared the ballots cast, the undistributed ballots, and also the check lists were sealed up, endorsed and placed in the custody of the Town Clerk.

CLARENCE E. FOSS,  
Town Clerk.

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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS

**June 21, 1923**

Pursuant of the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in town affairs met in the Town Hall in said town on Thursday, June 21, 1923 at eight nineteen o'clock in the afternoon.

Lists of the duly qualified voters were used at the entrance of the meeting place and were in charge of Charles M. Donohue, Colin Rae, T. Robert Quinlan and Charles W. Woodbury, tellers who were sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties.

Twenty-eight voters were checked on the list, twenty-three male, and five female.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, William G. Moseley at eight nineteen.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to allow its Police Officers including the Chief, one day off in eight with pay and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$500.00 for maintenance of the Police Department, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Voted: That beginning July 1st, 1923, the police officers, including the Chief be allowed one day off in eight with pay, and that a sum not exceeding \$500.00 be appropriated therefor.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize its Selectmen to purchase for the Police Department an auto wagon and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$1,100.00 therefor, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Voted: That the Selectmen purchase for the Police Department an auto wagon and that \$1,100.00 be appropriated therefor.

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize its Selectmen to purchase a certain strip of land at the corner of

Greendale Avenue and High Street as shown on a plan of land of Jennie D. Stanwood, dated February 20, 1923, and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$85.00 therefor.

Voted: That the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to purchase and accept a deed in behalf of the Town of a certain strip of land at the corner of Greendale Avenue and High Street as shown on a plan of land of Jennie D. Stanwood dated February 20, 1923 and that a sum not exceeding \$85.00 be appropriated therefor.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept Greendale Avenue at its intersection with High Street, as relocated by the Selectmen and in accordance with a plan on file with the Town Clerk.

Voted: That Greendale Avenue at its intersection with High Street be accepted as relocated by the Selectmen and in accordance with a plan on file with the Town Clerk.

Article 6. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not exceeding \$210.00 for the collection of garbage.

Voted: That the sum of \$210.00 be appropriated for the collection of garbage.

At twenty-eight minutes past eight it was voted that the meeting be now dissolved.

Attest:

CLARENCE E. FOSS,  
Town Clerk.

## OFFICERS QUALIFIED

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

Personally appeared before me on the dates set against their several names, the following persons, who were elected March 12 and 19, 1923, and made oath that they would faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which they were respectively elected:

1923.

Mar.

13 Harry L. Thompson, Selectman.

13 George E. Wragg, Selectman.

13 Allston R. Bowers, Selectman.

13 Harry L. Thompson, Highway Surveyor and Town Agent.

13 George E. Wragg, Highway Surveyor and Town Agent.

- 13 Allston R. Bowers, Highway Surveyor and Town Agent.  
 13 George Twigg, Constable.  
 13 George Twigg, Tree Warden.  
 13 Henry Godfrey, Jr., Tax Collector.  
 13 George W. Holt, Assessor (statute oath).  
 14 William J. Cozens, Jr., Assessor (statute oath).  
 19 William G. Moseley, Moderator.  
 20 Charles E. Stanwood, Treasurer.  
 22 Nellie C. Burkett, Public Weigher.  
 22 Charles W. Woodbury, Public Weigher.  
 27 Bertha E. Coburn, Public Weigher.

## Apr.

- 3 Alfred T. Baker, Overseer of the Poor.  
 30 Isaac Warren, Public Weigher.

## May

- 9 James H. Whetton, Public Weigher.  
 9 James H. Whetton, Measurer of Wood and Bark.  
 9 Arthur H. Whetton, Public Weigher.  
 9 Alexander McKay, Public Weigher.  
 11 Joseph Willett, Public Weigher.  
 11 Joseph Willett, Measurer of Wood and Bark.  
 12 Arnold Mackintosh, Commissioner of Trust Funds.  
 21 Preston Mitchell, Commissioner of Trust Funds.  
 28 R. Bertram Hill, Commissioner of Trust Funds.

## June

- 21 Roscoe A. Carter, Selectman.

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**DOG LICENSES, 1923**

Town Clerk's report of money received:

282 Male dogs at \$2.00 each .....	\$564.00
61 Females at \$5.00 each .....	305.00
35 Females spayed at \$2.00 each .....	70.00
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	\$939.00
378 licenses issued at 20c .....	75.60
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Amount paid the County Treasurer	\$863.40

CLARENCE E. FOSS,  
 Town Clerk.



**HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING LICENSES**

99 Combination licenses at \$2.00 each .....	\$198.00
58 Hunting and Trapping licenses at \$1.50 each..	87.00
52 Fishermen's licenses at \$1.00 each .....	52.00
3 Alien Fisherman's license at \$2.00 each .....	6.00
1 Alien Hunting and Trapping license at \$15.00 .	15.00
1 Non Resident Fisherman's license at \$2.00 each	2.00
48 Minor Trapping licenses at 25c each .....	12.00
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	\$372.00
262 Licenses issued at 15c	39.30
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Amount sent to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$332.70

CLARENCE E. FOSS,  
Town Clerk.

**TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

It was the opinion of the Board having charge of the public highways, that travel on or moving on the following named public highways of the said Town of Needham, during the Spring months, of heavy vehicles or objects would cause injury to said ways, more serious than ordinary wear and tear which the type of construction of said ways is designed to withstand, it is therefore ordered:—

That no vehicle or object which with its load weighs more than ten thousand (10,000) pounds shall travel or move between March 5th, 1923, and May 15th, 1923 on the following named public ways:—

South Street, Chestnut Street, Dedham Avenue, Central Avenue, Kendrick Street, Charles River Street, Grove Street, Forest Street, Cedar Street, Hunnewell Street, Reservoir Street, Greendale Avenue, Brookside Road, Wellesley Avenue.

It is further ordered, that the aforesaid order, be published in the "Needham Chronicle" in the issue of March 3rd, and 10th, 1923, and posted in a conspicuous place at both ends of the aforesaid ways from which traffic is prohibited.

Per order of the Board of Selectmen and Highway Surveyors.

GEORGE E. WRAGG,  
Secretary of the Board of Selectmen  
and Highway Surveyors.

February 24, 1923.

The foregoing regulations were published in the "Needham Chronicle" as ordered.

Received and filed March 10, 1923.

EMMA L. SUTTON,  
Town Clerk.

The resignation of Henry Godfrey, Jr., as a member of the Board of Assessors to take effect at the Annual Town Election March 13, 1923, was received and filed February 27, 1923.

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1923

## BIRTHS

Jan.

- 11 Jean Conley, William A. and Joan.
- 12 Eleanor Blaisdell, Roland W. and Bertha.
- 14 Rita Wainwright, John H. and Lucy L.
- 12 Barbara Birss Dempsey, Plinn and Jean M.
- 16 Althea May, Charles Gordon and Elizabeth A.
- 13 Lorna Ellen MacGray, Charles L. and E. Constance.
- 16 Cecil Woodbury Hogan, Alfred F. and Claire S.
- 17 Myrchik Ohanian, Armenak and Mary.
- 17 Helen Steeves Fletcher, Williard and Helen.
- 18 Jeanette Jones, Benjamin R. and Jeanette.
- 19 Newton Lyman Roberts, Walter N. and Helen.
- 22 Andrew Savignano, Carlo and Concetta.
- 24 John Clifford Trundley, Harry and Bessie M.
- 25 Eileen Mary McInerney, Paul J. and Catherine F.
- 25 Robert Pasquale Miele, Pasquale and Josephine.
- 26 Ruth Wright Edwards, Charles P. and Hazel B.
- 29 Nicola Lorenzo DiFoggia, Carmine and Maria.
- 28 Jean Isabelle Harlow, Albert M. and Louise C.
- 30 Lucy Ann Neal, Charles A. and Annie.

Feb.

- 1 Francis William Hall, Elbert L. and Sadie M.
- 3 William Henry Burrows, John and Beatrice A.
- 5 Charlotte Esther Tucker, Charles W. and Eudora.
- 5 Rose Bagno, Frank and Carmela.
- 8 Lewis Alexander Hamilton, Arthur S. and Laura M.
- 9 Charles Cosimo Stephenelli, Charles and Elizabeth.
- 15 John Sparo, Rako and Catherine.
- 15 Alfred William Baker, Channing N. and Edna A.
- 15 Ronald Roberts Goodwin, Ralph C. and Cora E.
- 19 Carolyn Louise Bartram, Thomas W. and Mildred S.
- 21 Stillborn
- 21 Daniel Gabriele, Michael and Annie.
- 21 Mary Elizabeth Donovan, Patrick and Margaret F.
- 21 Ernest William Marston, Carl E. and Esther.
- 28 Elizabeth Idella Appleby, Robert G. and Annie S.
- 28 Lewis Eugene Gamble, Thomas H. and Sadie C. B.

Mar.

- 1 John Leander Anderson, Otto L. and Marjorie.
- 4 Elizabeth Muriel O'Connor, John A. and Elizabeth.
- 5 John Tussei, Angelo and Emma.

## March

- 9 William Mitchell Hurley, David J. and Fannie.
- 11 Mamie Mary Anastasi, Samuel and Vincie R.
- 16 Maria Luisa Pignatelli, Ferdinando and Antonina.
- 17 Augustus Lewis Purdy, Jr., Augustus L. and Mary A.
- 17 Jessie Alfreda Upham, H. Howard and Jessie.
- 18 Melcon Nigogosian, Mamas and Araksi T.
- 18 Priscilla Alden, William and Annie M.
- 19 William Joseph Cozens, 3rd, William J., Jr., and Ruth F.
- 20 Edwin Belski, Peter and Edie.
- 24 Helen M. Zikorus, Walter P. and Rose M.
- 25 Marion Alice Hasenfus, George and Augusta.
- 30 Harold LeFord Burr, Jr., Harold LeFord and Claire E.
- 31 Helen Haddock, Frank O. and Helen F.

## Apr.

- 1 John Bent Hemenway, Raymond B. and Emilie M.
- 5 Shirley Mae Wood, Charles R. and Leila F.
- 7 Roland Mills, Elmer and Florence.
- 13 Malcolm Cunningham Sharpe, Albert and Jean.
- 20 Lawrence Ralph Warren, Lawrence R. and Esther M.
- 24 Beatrice Elizabeth Bramble, Earl W. and Hulda M.
- 28 Joyce Freeman Henry, John B. and Jessie E.
- 29 Frank Howard Callahan 3rd., Frank H. and Mary S.

## May

- 1 Maria Ingoranato Cericola, Antonio and Maria R.
- 1 William Cardinall, Luigi and Maria A.
- 4 Donald Packard Farwell, Joseph W. and Isabel W.
- 7 Carmine Manganiello, Raffaele and Josephine.
- 8 William Mitchell Digney, George R. and Mary.
- 9 Joyce Winifred Huxley, James R. and Edith.
- 9 Dorothy Malone, James J. and Agnes.
- 12 Mary Terrazino, Angelo and Rosalia.
- 16 Elizabeth Anne Godfrey, Archibald J. and Agnes M.
- 16 Eillen Dorothy Cahill, Russell and Dorothy.
- 17 Joseph Michael Tomaino, Joseph and Rose.
- 18 Garet Van Wort Shepherd, Joe VanR. and Dorothea.
- 22 John Joseph Arata, Joseph and Helen B.
- 24 Phyllis Hildred Rodgers, George W. and Constance.
- 24 Arthur Kaufman, Charles A. and Louise.
- 27 Eleanor Louise Dennis, William A. and Gertrude L.
- 28 Antonio Bureli, Antonio and Fannie.
- 28 Barbara Priscilla Hill, Roy L. and Catherine L.
- 31 Marjorie Ann Shuman, George H. and Marguerite E.

## June

- 1 Russell Palmer, Harry E. and Ruth D.
- 2 Donald Neilson Griffin, Roger C. and Marion.
- 13 Marion Elizabeth Davis, Albert W. and Florence E.
- 13 David Manly Shuker, Samson, Jr., and Ella L.
- 13 Muriel Elsie Brundrett, John E. and Elsie E.
- 16 James Joseph Sweeney, Thomas H. and Sarah I.
- 17 Arthur Mitchell Bailey, Fred and Esther.
- 19 ———Derderian, Garabed and Seravouhi.
- 20 Arthur Francis Bryant, Clifford H. and Mary C.
- 20 Maud Cummins Howe, Parkman D. and Grace.
- 25 Domenic Anastasi, Stephen and Mary.
- 26 Donald Littlehale, Albert L. and Laura L.
- 28 Arnesta Velina Ciarlantini, Peter and Santa.

## July

- 1 Shirley Parker, Harold P. and Mabel F.
- 3 Milton Prince Appleby, John B. and Laura A.
- 5 ———Vose, Samuel M. and Beatrice.
- 6 Barbara Mae Burrows, William H. and Elizabeth A.
- 10 Gerald Stephen Baker, Charles S. and Stella O.
- 11 Elio Ricciardelli, Augustus and Speranza.
- 13 Dorothy Joan Wilson, William T. and Margaret.
- 15 Louise Frances Ott, Charles J. and Ella J.
- 16 Robert Galvin Weslowski, Frank B. and Sophia.
- 18 William Waters, Daniel E. and Mary G.
- 21 Dora Tocci, Michael and Mary.
- 19 Emily Priscilla Fletcher, Arthur W. and Lucy M.
- 23 Calvert Winston Stanley, Harold P. and Mahah O.
- 20 Mary Suvalle, Jerome and Esther.
- 26 Evon Langelles Lane, Bernard D. and Clarine.
- 22 Donald Rockwood Adams, Harry J. and Mertice E.
- 29 Barbara Louise Cohan, Abraham and Lena.
- 31 John Edward Kincare, 3rd, John E. Jr., and Grace L.

## August

- 1 Randolph Perry, Jr., Randolph and Mary J.
- 8 Bessie Picariello, Leonard and Aurelia.
- 8 Elizabeth Margaret Slaney, Franklin W. and Lottie M.
- 9 Jacob Segal, Simon and Anna.
- 11 Thelma Norris, Winthrop D. and Doris
- 21 William Edward Kelly, William E. and Mary E.
- 19 Blanche Worth, Courtland J. and Blanche.
- 22 Edith Frances Nolan, Thomas E. and Edith.
- 26 Dorothy Louise Swain, George F. and Ruth.
- 28 Florence Elizabeth Gilfoy, Albert V. and Ethel.



## August

- 29 Gerald Roland Anderson, James G. and Matilda.  
30 Robert Malcolm Rae, Wallace G. and Olga.

## September

- 4 Herbert Warren Spence, Herbert W. and Hazel.  
4 Thomas Francis O'Malley, Michael F. and Helen M.  
5 Mieczyslaw Janiak, John and Victoria.  
9 Stillborn.  
10 John W. Durbin, J. Wilber and Catherine A.  
15 Dorothy Alice Lane, George H. and Nellie.  
19 George John Pfeifer, George J. and Anna M.  
25 Jean Winifred Toney, George R. and Winifred.  
28 Bronislaw Nadolny, Bronislaw and Mary.  
28 Elio Semprucci, Carlo and Anna.

## October

- 2 Gertrude Elizabeth Haszard, Harry A. and Georgina.  
3 Richard Nelson Gray, Alfred and Grace F.  
3 Janet Augusta Minkle, T. Frank and Emma M.  
4 Agnes Malcolm Anderson, Andrew and Annie.  
6 Gloria Lorraine Goodwin, Walter E. and Olive B.  
9 George Andrew McGeever, Francis P. and Nora C.  
11 Richard Paul Pieszak, Frank and Mary.  
11 Donald Miln Mailloux, Ralph W. and Katherine L.  
12 Carmine Mastropieri, Nicola and Mary.  
12 Theresa Tiorentino, Frank and Mary.  
12 Cecelia Shirley Donati, Leo J. and Elsie.  
21 Elmer Wood Ambler, Herbert H. and Annie.  
24 Doris Eleanore Houser, Alfred E. and Vernia K.  
28 Helen Gertrude Keefe, Patrick J. and Helen G.  
29 Phyllis Lorraine Toone, Harold D. and Maude A.  
29 Albert Arthur Enman, George and Elizabeth A.

## November

- 8 John Russell Keylor, Frederick W. and Elizabeth A.  
9 Nancy Curtin Slack, Frank M. and Martha I.  
11 Barbara Ann Smith, Wendall and Miriam.  
12 Manson Hildreth Carter, H. Ronald and Anne M.  
19 David Eaton Allan, Alexander and Marguerite S.  
22 Sylvia Josephine Flewelling, Gilford E. and Kathleen N.  
24 James Chester Gerlach, Carl C. and Josephine B.  
26 Annie Cizius, John and Mary.

## December

- 1 William Robert Lunsford, Maurice P. and Madeline R.  
7 Raymond Linscott Bond, Jr., Raymond L. and Pearl A.

## December

- 12 Virginia May Hall, Ray C. and Marian.
- 14 Barbara Bowditch, Samuel C. and Helen M.
- 14 Jean Marie Regan, Timothy F. and Margarite.
- 16 Grace Edel Roissing, Peter A. and Alice.
- 17 Norma Childs, Kenneth M. and Gladys J.
- 21 Lidia Cifaldo, Antonio and Carmela.
- 25 Jane Stanwood Kroog and Barbara Helen Kroog,  
Alfred J. and Hazel M.
- 25 William Caleb Woodward, Joshua L. and Ruth I.
- 28 George Anderson, Alexander and Lily.
- 28 Alfred Omar Adams, Jr., Alfred O. and Ruth F.
- 31 Carolyn Ruth Mills, Benjamin J. and Alene.

83 Males.

86 Females.

## Parentage

90 Both Parents native born.

30 One Parent native born.

49 Both Parents foreign born.

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NOTICE

The attention of parents is called to the law relating to the registering of Births. The present requirements are as follows:

Chap. 29. Sec. 6, of the Revised Laws. Parents within forty days after the birth of a child \* \* \* \* shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town or city in which such child is born.

Sec. 8. A parent \* \* \* \* who neglects so to do for ten days after the time limited therefor, \* \* \* \* shall forfeit not more than five dollars for each offense.

Attention of Physicians and Midwives is Called to  
Chapter 280, Sec. 1, Acts of 1912

Section 1. Physicians and midwives shall, within forty-eight hours after the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge, mail or deliver to the clerk

or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred, a notice stating the date and place of the birth, giving the street number, if any, the number of the ward in a city and the family name. Failure to mail or deliver the said notice shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offense.

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In accordance with the provisions of the law, the Town Clerk is prepared to furnish to parents, physicians, and midwives applying therefor, blanks for return of births as required by law.

**MARRIAGES, 1923**

Number of marriages registered, 101.

**Jan.**

- 1 Robert Thompson Gooding, Needham; Caroline Catherine Riemer, Boston; at Boston, by Joseph A. Cahalan, Justice of the Peace.
- 7 Walter Munson Hoyt, Newton; Anna Roche, Needham; at Athol, Mass., by Rev. E. V. Hinchcliffe, Athol, Mass.
- 11 James Patrick Coyle, Needham; Nora Mary Keady, Newton; at Newton, by Rev. L. W. Slattery.
- 13 Ernest Harmon Gould, Boston; Lillian Frances Hunt, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. M. Oakman Patton.
- 13 Daniel Lester Hunt, Needham; Ellen Fletcher Edwards, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. M. Oakman Patton.
- 16 Salvatore L. Scinicariello, Needham; Bertha Alice Robinson, Boston; at Woonsocket, by Rev. Wm. W. Barker.
- 20 Raymond Edward Perry, Boston; Eleanor Nelson, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. M. Oakman Patton.
- 25 Marcel L. St. Lawrence, Needham; Abbie Leslie, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. A. J. Hughes.
- 27 Walter Joseph Harding, Malden; Martha Elizabeth Fernald, Needham; at Springfield, by Rev. R. M. MacDonald.

**Feb.**

- 1 Edward Leo Wainwright, Needham; Harriet Amelia Slaney, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. Henry A. Walsh.
- 11 Walter John Lyko, Needham; Josephine Kesnesky, Needham; at Boston, by Rev. L. A. Sikora.
- 15 Earl Gordon Finney, Portland; Jane Amelia Malloch, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- 20 Steve Shurer, Newton; Josephine Borisewiecz, Needham; at Dedham, by Rev. William T. Beale.

**March**

- 10 William Gilbert Bent, Newton; Margaret Bell, Newton; at Needham, by Rev. A. J. Hughes.
- 17 William H. M. Marriott, Needham; Beatrice Sadie Nangle, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. Walter W. Van Kirk.

## April

- 2 John Francis Galvin, Jr., Boston; Sadie Marie Doyle, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. Henry A. Walsh.
- 6 Francis Joseph Pieszak, Torrington; Mary Agnes Bilska, Needham; at Newton, by Rev. Dennis H. Donovan.
- 7 Bertram Porter Burns, Needham; Mildred G. Atkinson, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. A. J. Hughes.
- 12 Leo Joseph Donati, Needham; Elsie Marie Seastrand, Walpole; at Walpole, by Rev. J. I. Fahey.
- 18 Frank John Dermody, Needham; Frances Frawley, Pittsfield; at Pittsfield, by Rev. Jeremiah A. Riordan.
- 21 Earl Winfred Richwagen, Needham; Mildred Evelyn Robb, Needham; at Needham, Rev. T. Corwin Watkins.
- 29 Charles S. Owen, Needham; Edith M. Josselyn, Brockton; at Boston, by Rev. D. W. Lyman.
- 30 Warren Everett Damon, Needham; Margaret Marie King; at Boston, by Edward J. Lord, Justice of Peace.

## May

- 9 Daniel Gray, Needham; Johann Murphy, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- 12 Walter Belton Fanshaw, New York; Maude Chase Smart, Brookline; at Needham, by Rev. Harry W. Kimball.

## June

- 5 Stephen F. MacDonald, Newton; Florence E. King, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- 9 Willis Helme Bardwell, Needham; Dorothy Frances Halfacre, Boston; at Boston, by Rev. Sidney Lovett.
- 9 George R. Chamberlain, Needham; Helen Blanchard, Dedham; at Sharon, by Rev. A. J. Nordlund.
- 14 James Corwin Wright, Needham; Blanche Gertrude Davison, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. A. J. Hughes.
- 14 William B. Perlinsky, Needham; Sadie Simon, Needham; at Brookline, by Rev. H. R. Gold.
- 16 Walter Harold Mills, Needham; Rose Ella Bills, Framingham; at Framingham, by Rev. S. Paul Jefferson.
- 16 George Richmond Fearing, 3d, Boston; Vera Whistler Howell, Needham; at Dedham, by Rev. Sherrard Billings.



## June

- 16 Irving Raymond Wallis, Needham; Marion Louise Rice, Boston; at Waltham, by Rev. Frank G. Potter.
- 16 Leslie Ray Sears, Needham; Harriet Ruth Thurston, Newton; at Newton, by Rev. Fred W. Peakes.
- 18 Stimson Wyeth, Needham; Constance Louise Twigg, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. A. W. Littlefield.
- 25 Kenneth George Goddard, Needham; Ethel Maud Bayers, Boston; at Boston, by Rev. Howard A. Morton.
- 27 Matthew Francis Matthews, Needham; Evangeline Ethel McElroy, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. A. J. Hughes.
- 27 Arthur Henry Godfrey, Needham; Grace Hudson Ackerman, Wellesley; at Wellesley, by Rev. M. Oakman Patton.
- 30 C. Edward Blake, Needham; Mary Elizabeth MacKenzie, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. Harry W. Kimball.
- 30 Sidney Joseph Andrews, Rockport, Me.; Mary Ann Keller, Needham; at Rockport, by Rev. Oscar W. Stuart.
- 30 Russell T. Williams, Boston; Marjorie Frances McIntosh, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. William W. Peck.

## July

- 7 Charles Carson Stanwood, Needham; Mildred Helen McCormack, Watertown; at Watertown, by Rev. A. W. Littlefield.
- 7 Frederick C. E. Newey, Newton; Lillian Marie Bertsch, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. F. Howard Callahan.
- 7 John Breda, Needham; Gaetana Alaimo, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. Thomas F. Devlin.
- 15 Floyd Ellsworth Peaslee, Needham; Dorothy Hayes Kendrick, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. John W. Barnett.
- 17 Glendon Vincent Partridge, Needham; Ruth Kimball, Boston; at Boston, by Rev. Walter Healy.
- 21 Julius Theodore Chambers, Newton; Bathia Robb, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. John W. Barnett.
- 23 Peter Juodis, Needham; Julia Markioch, Needham; at Boston, by Rev. C. J. Urbanowitz.
- 26 Stanley Archaball Newcomb, Needham; Gladys Viola Schleicher, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. Ralph L. Minker.

## August

- 5 Merritt Wilson Bardwell, Needham; Susie Floy Roscoe, Needham; at Dover, by Rev. Wm. F. Koehler.
- 8 Walter Atkinson, Providence; Marjorie Allison Coohon, Needham; at Monhegan Is., Maine, by Rev. Wm. M. Brewster.
- 9 Ernest Indresano, Wellesley; Maria Vara, Needham; at Boston, by Rev. Franceno Bert.
- 16 William James Bedley, Needham; Henrietta Gladys Smicer, Needham; at Newton, by Rev. W. F. Parsons.
- 23 Elbert Karl Myer, Ridgely, W. Va.; Miriam Florence Fowle, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. J. W. Barnett.
- 29 Wendell F. Thompson, Needham; Alice Catherine Claire, Newton; at Newton, by Rev. Gerard Keeney.
- 29 George Francis Thayer, Boston; Mary Elizabeth Mullen, Needham; at Boston, by Rev. Joseph A. Robinson.
- 25 Jesse Irving Hayward, Needham; Agnes Myrtle Hammersley, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. F. Howard Callahan.

## September

- 3 Howard Hicks McEvoy, Needham; Helen Ruth Longstreth, Malden; at Malden, by Rev. Harry W. Kimball.
- 8 Neil Everett Kile, Geneva, Ohio; F. Adele Mathey, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. A. W. Littlefield.
- 12 Willis Lyman Brownville, Needham; Elizabeth Gertrude Bond, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. A. J. Hughes.
- 12 Harold Lee MacKenzie, Dover; Ethel Fowler Bond, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. A. J. Hughes.
- 15 Lawrence Robert Doucette, Newton; Martha Bernadette Callanan, Needham; at Newton, by Rev. Dennis H. Donovan.
- 15 William Michael Finn, Somerville; Alice Theresa Golden, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. Hugh M. Smith.
- 15 Thomas F. Mahoney, Jr., Needham; Alice Emily Brittain, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. Hugh M. Smith.
- 15 Richard Bradford Oakes, Newton; Grace Florence Mitchell, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. M. Oakman Patton.

## September

- 17 William Garfield Lane, Needham; Doris May Hart, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. M. Oakman Patton.
- 18 Harry Albert Riddle, Needham; Elizabeth Davis, Newton; at Waltham, by Rev. Frank G. Potter.
- 19 Irwin William Stewart, Watertown; Viola Elizabeth McQuown, Watertown; at Needham, by Rev. J. W. Barrett.
- 22 James Howard Sweet, Hollis, N. Y.; Mary Grace Pierce, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. Wm. F. Koehler.
- 29 Lloyd W. Litchfield, Needham; Eleanor Marie Stevens, Dedham; at Dedham, by Rev. Francis L. Whittemore.
- 29 Robert Henry Cook, Newton; Louise May Turney, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. M. Oakman Patton.
- 30 Walter Ernest Sylvester, Natick; Mabel Malinda Johnson, Needham; at Natick, by Rev. Harry H. Powell.
- 30 John Lawrence Welch, Milford; Marguerite Grace Dow, Milford; at Needham, by Rev. Hugh M. Smith.

## October

- 6 Paul Bernhardt Richwagen, Needham; Helen Marion Byron, Boston; at Needham, by Rev. M. Oakman Patton.
- 6 Omero Angelo Conte, Needham; Antonietta Brigida, Cambridge; at Cambridge, by Rev. F. Belli.
- 6 William Alfred Cook, Needham; Grances Gertrude Cohoon, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. A. J. Hughes.
- 9 Charles Van Syclan Purdy, Needham; Ruth Nelson, Newton; at Newton, by Rev. J. Edgar Park.
- 13 Laurence Emerson Eaton, Needham; Clarice May Godfrey, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. M. Oakman Patton.
- 17 Lorra T. Sumner, Canton; Caroline Sanborn, Lynn; at Needham, by Rev. J. J. White.
- 20 Howard Allen Crossman, Needham; Margaret Gertrude Blanchard, Winchester; at Boston, by Rev. R. Perry Bush.
- 21 Avades Taventeor, Newton; Lucie Yedijamian, Needham; at Newton, by Rev. Shahe V. Kasparian.
- 27 Patrick Francis Connolly, Waltham; Florence May Smith; at Needham, by Rev. Hugh M. Smith.

## November

- 10 Evaristo Ricciardelli, Needham; Zaira Guimetti, Needham; at Needham, by Clarence E. Foss, Justice of the Peace.
- 12 John Edward Brady, Somerville; Gertrude Adeline Chambers, Needham; at Cambridge, by Rev. Ernest M. Paddock.
- 12 Charles Clarence Nichols, Canton; Marguerite Silvey; at Needham, by Rev. Hugh M. Smith.
- 15 Mariano Signore, Newton; Giovannina Picarello; at Boston, by Rev. Pio Parolin.
- 16 David Winfred Eastman, Needham; Alma Priscilla Blois; at Needham, by Rev. Hugh M. Smith.
- 24 Clifford Willans Wye, Needham; Dorothy Emeline Bucknam, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. Francis H. Sprague.
- 25 Cesidio Gentilucci, Newton; Marie Madeline Sammarco, Needham; at Boston, by Rev. Francesco Berti.
- 27 Alfred Eugene Bresse, Needham; Belida Mary Langevin, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. Hugh M. Smith.
- 27 Arthur MacDonald Grigg, Needham; Adria Valentine Parker, Boston; at Newton, by Rev. Homer E. Work.
- 28 William Joseph Preskenis, Needham; Margaret Claire Keegan, Dedham; at Dedham, by Rev. Stephen J. O'Brien.
- 28 Frederick Arthur Whetton, Needham; Elizabeth Partridge Darling, Franklin; at Franklin, by Rev. R. K. Marvin, D. D.

## December

- 1 Walter Edward Steeves, Needham; Louise Adeline Lennon, Wellesley; at Medfield, by Rev. Jas. M. Pollard.
- 7 Harry Graves Aldrich, Needham; Virginia G. S. Larder, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. F. Howard Callahan.
- 19 Roy Corbet McDougall, Quincy; Dorothy Ardillis Kinsman, Quincy; at Needham, by Rev. George G. Phipps.
- 21 Francis Edward Ryan, Medfield; Helena Cotta, Medfield; at Needham, by Rev. Hugh M. Smith.
- 22 Alverdo Mason, Needham; Florence May Marshall, Needham; at Needham, by Winthrop M. Southworth Justice of the Peace.
- 25 Ned Louis Durkee, Needham; Florence I. G. Wildman, Needham; at Newton, by Rev. Frederick Palladino.

## December

- 29 Thomas Bernard Duran, Newton; Sarah Josephine Egan, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. Hugh M. Smith.
- 31 Oliver Herbert Walton, Needham; Ruth Elizabeth Morton, Needham; at Needham, by Rev. M. Oakman Patton.

Number of marriages registered.....	101
Bride and Groom both native born.....	62
Bride and Groom both foreign born.....	9
Native groom, foreign bride.....	14
Foreign groom, native bride.....	16
Groom and bride residents.....	33
Groom resident .....	27
Bride resident .....	33
Groom and Bride non-residents.....	8

## NOTICE

Persons who intend to be joined in marriage in this Commonwealth shall, not less than five days before their marriage, cause notice of their intention to be entered in the office of the clerk of registrars of the city or town in which they respectively dwell, or if they do not dwell within the Commonwealth, in the office of the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which they propose to have the marriage solemnized.

## Chapter 151, Section 29, Revised Laws.

If a marriage is solemnized in another state between parties living in this Commonwealth, who return to dwell here, they shall within seven days after their return, file with the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which either of them lived at the time of their marriage, a certificate or declaration of their marriage, including the facts relative to marriage which are required by law, and for neglect thereof shall forfeit ten dollars.



# DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1923

Date	Name of Deceased	Age Y. M. D.	Place of Birth	Place of Burial	Cause of Death
Jan. 2	Howard N. Battles	1 12	Boston	Boston	Influenza
4	Warren R. Brown	60	Clinton, Me.	Clinton, Me.	Pneumonia
13	Cora E. Quimby	62 7 13	Bangor, Me.	Bangor, Me.	Carcinoma
18	True A. Towne	86	Woodbury, Vt.	Woodbury, Vt.	Arterio sclerosis
19	Mary Wainwright	60	England	St. Mary's	Nephritis
21	Mary C. McCarthy	66 2 17	Ireland	Watertown	Bright's disease
31	Sumner B. Mills	71 3 13	Needham	Needham	Angina Pectoris
Feb. 2	John W. Robb	49 6 4	Hummelstown, Pa.	Needham	Tuberculosis
3	Vernon Dawson	28 3 2	Needham	Needham	Heart disease
5	Nancy Knowles	44 9 30	Nova Scotia	Needham	Heart disease
8	Stillborn				
15	Elizabeth Johnston	66 2 27	New Brunswick	Needham	Heart disease
16	Michael Bartoni	5 23	Newton	St. Mary's	Acidosis
17	Fannie Rosenblatt	46	Russia	Woburn	Carcinoma
17	Martha H. Burrage	62 4 26	Winchester	Boston	Nephritis
21	Stillborn				
23	Alexander Laskowski	41	Poland	Boston	Carcinoma
25	Patrick Flaherty	61	Ireland	Boston	Myocarditis
26	Lucy J. Chappelle	81 1 26	New London, Conn.	Wellesley	Myocarditis
28	Jessie McIntosh	91 8 16	Cape Britton	Needham	Myocarditis
Mar. 2	William E. Aldrich	55 11	Belchertown	Belchertown	Appendicitis
3	George E. Freimuth	63 9	Needham	St. Mary's	Exhaustion from exposure
4	Georgia H. Wight	68 0 4	Wells, Me.	Westwood	Bronchitis
6	Elizabeth B. Richardson	69 7 6	Mills	Boston	Hemorrhage
7	Mabel A. Olsen	31 6 7	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Needham	Heart disease
9	Margaret E. Kingman	81 5 9	Bridgeport, Conn.	Bridgeport	Arterio sclerosis
19	Mary J. Evans	79 10 14	New York City	Bloomfield, N. J.	Arterio sclerosis

20	Sarah Irving Blake	91	0	2	Mansfield, Mass.	Needham	Influenza and bronchitis
20	Herman Mallock	16	11	7	Eastport, Me.	Eastport, Me.	Tuberculosis
27	John Thomas Phillips	76	6	27	England	Newton	Epilepsy
Apr.							
3	Emilie M. Hemenway	37	4	10	Switzerland	Saxtonville	Puerperal Eclampsia
3	Frederick Newcomb	41	10	3	Canada	Newton	Pulmonary infarct
4	Mary Elizabeth Moore	81	8	11	Boston	Boston	Pneumonia
7	Peter Markaricz	46	9	8	Lithuania	St. Mary's	Peritonitis
9	Joseph Rector	84	10		Delhi, N. Y.	Medway	Cerebral hemorrhage
9	Adele Hasenfus	5			Needham	Boston	Scarlet fever
17	Nancy Maria Moseley	77	1	14	St. George, Me.	Needham	Arteriosclerosis
21	Irene Theresa Ryan		11	28	Needham	Boston	Lobar pneumonia
21	Thomas G. Melville	77			England	Needham	Cerebral hemorrhage
21	Frederick Eugene Small	66	3	22	Newton	Boston	Myocarditis
27	George Edwin Wragg	67	9	11	Portsmouth, N. H.	Needham	Heart disease
30	Richard Warren Harkins	2	5	5	Needham	St. Mary's	Anemia
May							
4	William H. Knowles, Jr.	6	8	25	Boston	Needham	Measles
5	Joseph E. Minkovitz	1	10	20	Needham	Boston	Broncho pneumonia
6	Catherine Porter	92	2	30	Needham	Wellesley	Cerebral hemorrhage
7	Lalia Anderson	67	2	23	Nova Scotia	Boston	Heart disease
7	Sadie Birnbaum	28	6	2	Nova Scotia	Needham	Pneumonia
10	Cecille W. Hogan		3	24	Needham	Needham	Hypertrophy
11	Michele C. Manganiello			4	Needham	St. Mary's	Heart disease
11	Hannah M. Hanks	79	5	27	Needham	Needham	Angina Pectoris
12	Nathaniel Wales	75	3	27	Newton	Needham	Arterio sclerosis
15	Lizzie A. Farnham	72	6	19	Hallowell, Me.	Needham	Angina Pectoris
18	Michael W. Cronin	68			Ireland	St. Mary's	Heart disease
21	Mary A. Hammett	58	10	24	Killingly, Conn.	Danielson, Conn.	Pulmonary abscess
24	Bridget Murphy	52	1	29	Ireland	St. Mary's	Cancer
June							
12	Christopher Miller	56			Russia	Boston	Malarial fever
18	Cordelia Lucy Wakeman	63	2	26	Dickerson, N. Y.	Bangor, N. Y.	Hemorrhage
19	Joseph C. Creed	57			Boston	Cambridge	Bright's disease

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1923—continued

Date	Name of Deceased	Age Y. M. D.	Place of Birth	Place of Burial	Cause of Death
June 20	Mary McDonald	25 6 2	Scotland	St. Mary's Needham	Tubercular Meningitis
22	Mary Ann Chadwick	68 5 24	England	Needham	Broncho pneumonia
22	Sallie A. Krautler	62 10 9	Germantown, Pa.	Needham	Heart disease
30	Emily A. Henderson	81 10 14	Wilton, N. H.	Needham	Pyelitis
July 5	Vrisidha Naoum	11 20	Needham	Needham	Tuberculosis
12	Susan W. Pond	75 10 14	Ashby, Mass.	Acton, Mass.	Arterio sclerosis
17	Ardella Ferrara	36 8 7	Italy	Needham	Pyelitis
26	George Hekimia	2 2 3	Syria	Cambridge	Accidental burns
5	_____ Vose		Boston	Crematory	Premature birth
Aug. 11	Calvin Bickford Kittredge	78 4 20	Milo, Me.	Milo, Me.	Nephritis
13	Frank B. Ingols	72 10 25	Boston	Needham	Apoplexy
21	Bruce Phayne Stuart	16 1 16	New Brunswick	Needham	Appendicitis
Sept. 5	Alfred Chase Nickerson	76 4 28	Nantucket, Mass.	Boston	Apoplexy
9	Stillborn				
10	John W. Durbin	1	Needham	St. Mary's	Premature
17	Clara Louise Doeltz	61	Detroit, Mich.	Detroit, Mich.	Stenosis
21	Gerald E. Mullan	25	Worcester	Worcester, Mass.	Tuberculosis
30	James K. Whetton	24 9 6	Needham	Fort Sam Houston	Fractured skull
Oct. 6	Irving W. Smith	67 1 19	St. Johnsbury, Vt.	St. Johnsbury, Vt.	Bulbar Paralysis
6	Martha M. Baker	61 5 14	Boston, Mass.	Boston	Carcinoma of Pancreas
18	Thomas F. Morrill	58	Boston, Mass.	Needham	Heart disease
20	Frederick George Hathaway	65 6 25	Chelsea, Mass.	Waban	Heart disease
21	Isaac Warren	71 5 21	England	Needham	Fractured skull
30	Damie M. Smith	65 1	Nova Scotia	Needham	Heart disease

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## DEATHS

Number of deaths registered in 1923 (exclusive of still-borns) .....	92
Number of males .....	47
Number of females .....	45
Number of native born .....	65
Number of foreign born .....	27

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Stillborn .....	3
Under one year.....	13
Between one and five years.....	3
Between five and ten years.....	3
Between ten and fifteen years.....	0
Between fifteen and twenty years.....	2
Between twenty and thirty years.....	7
Between thirty and forty years.....	4
Between forty and fifty years.....	6
Between fifty and sixty years.....	5
Between sixty and seventy years.....	24
Between seventy and eighty years.....	16
Between eighty and ninety years.....	7
Over ninety years.....	2

CLARENCE E. FOSS,  
Town Clerk.



TOWN OF NEEDHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

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# REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham:

We submit to you the following as the two hundred and eleventh annual report of the Board of Selectmen.

## Highways

In March, 1923, a larger sum was appropriated for the repair, maintenance and construction of highways than in any previous year. The fact was wisely recognized that a number of our main arteries were sadly in need of immediate attention and that practical economy demanded this appropriation.

Reference to the report of the Superintendent of Streets will give information in detail as to the manner in which this money was expended, and the program carried out.

We are satisfied that the work of the Highway Department has been done thoroughly, economically and with dispatch.

Road building has undergone many changes in method of construction in the last decade, due to improvement in road machinery and enormous increase in traffic load. Because of the latter, roads which were considered permanent a few years ago will soon demand reconstruction, and anticipation of this should govern the expenditure of money for repairs.

It is today gross waste to make extensive road repairs using crushed rock and tar products, on a road from which the loam has not been entirely excavated and a gravel foundation placed in its stead. While this fact is readily accepted, a person who has not been in touch with the subject of road construction is astounded when informed that to build a mile of six-inch bituminous road (which is the minimum to carry the automobile truck load of today) including the average depth excavation and foundation costs \$40,000.

With these given conditions, and the yearly requests for the construction of new streets, the expense of the Highway Department must necessarily increase.

We would mention here the work on Central Avenue, a portion of which was rebuilt this year. In three years \$12,500 has been expended and only a fraction of the plan completed. You will recall that the street was relocated by the County Commissioners, runs the entire breadth

of the town, and is about four and a half miles long. The County has expended each year an equal amount with the town, but it seems to us to be economy to appropriate a larger yearly sum for this work, that the end may be in sight and the call for repairs not come before the job is completed.

In connection with this we may say that from conference with the Department of Public Works of the State, we have good reason to believe that, if the town will appropriate \$5,000 this year together with \$5,000 from the County we may have a like amount from the State.

We feel that this opportunity should be accepted by the town.

### Street Lighting

There are very few towns in the metropolitan district today which operate their street lighting on the so-called "moonlight schedule" and we offer the suggestion that the town of Needham with the same progressive attitude that it assumes on all matters of public interest, abolish this schedule of by-gone days, and light its streets from sunset to dawn, every night.

### Drainage

Agreeably to a vote and under an appropriation of last year, several studies have been submitted to the Board by an engineer for the sub-draining of certain areas. The laying of a sub-drain may be approximately estimated at \$2.00 a foot, and therefore calls for a considerable outlay of money, but as the land along our streets becomes more completely occupied by dwellings and other structures, the accumulation of water from rain-fall is confined within the gutter lines, and in many instances relief by surface drainage is no longer adequate.

The Chestnut Street drain has long been over-loaded and should be relieved of that flow which comes from Webster Street, through May Street and Highland Avenue and around our Town Hall.

It is not to be presumed that all the sub-drainage necessary can be installed in a single year, but it should be planned and a substantial sum for the execution of the plan included in each annual budget.

The drain laid through Bradford Street and a part of Harris Avenue last year is but a link in a very necessary system.

### **Removal of Snow**

The modern mode of transportation demands the keeping of our highways clear from any depth of snow, and this the town is now prepared to do. With the tractors and plows at hand, the individual equipment of our local contractors, and a crew of men who take pride in maintaining their past record, we are in a position to keep our arteries of traffic open in spite of the severest storms.

### **Town Hall and Grounds**

An amount of \$2,500 was included in the budget of last year for the re-slating of the roof.

Upon calling for bids we were advised that the copper flashings should be re-placed, and the approximate figure for the entire job would be \$5,000. We deemed it prudent, therefore, to withhold this appropriation and suggest adding \$2,500 to the original amount at the next annual town meeting.

Without question, the use of the offices, committee rooms and hall of this building is so extensive that it is not possible for one man devoting even more than the ordinary working hours of a day to keep it clean, heated, and otherwise cared for.

Neither is the salary paid commensurate with the service demanded.

Pride for our town should demand that this building be kept scrupulously clean and in order, which can be done only with more man-power and at more cost.

The grounds in front of the building have been worn away on the edges of the paths and corners very extensively, which suggests regrading of the grounds and the making of the walks granolithic.

### **Bridges**

The Chestnut Street bridge was completed this year, and a considerable balance was returned to the treasury of the town, as you will note by reference to the report of the Accountant.

It is a matter of a very short time, when the Kendrick Street bridge will have to be re-placed. We were obliged to spend some \$600 in repairs to this structure during the summer because of its dangerous condition, and expenditure which was not anticipated.

Conferences with the County Commissioners and the authorities of the City of Newton have been had with the



expectancy that this bridge will be re-constructed in concrete on a co-operative basis.

The Pierce Bridge at the Dover line, while yet safe for ordinary loads is another situation which will have to be met in the near future.

### **Sidewalks**

The demand for granolithic sidewalks is still largely in excess of the appropriation.

A number of people were disappointed this last year, and the Board very much regrets not being able to accomplish all that was desired.

The policy adopted by previous boards, and continued this year, was to build granolithic walks where they would be continuous and beginning at the centres of the several communities.

This work should be started at once on Great Plain Avenue and Dedham Avenues, going east from the junction of Highland Avenue; also on the west side of Chestnut Street going south from Chestnut Road.

The connecting link between Webster Street and Fair Oaks Park should be laid.

### **Police Department**

Personally, we have an efficient Police Department; numerically it is far from being adequate.

We therefore approve the recommendation of the Chief that two regular officers be added to the force.

One often fails to realize that this town of ours has had, and is still enjoying a consistent growth, and the departments of the town to meet the demands of such growth, necessarily must increase, in cost of maintenance, but the fact should not be overlooked that this growth brings with it additional income to meet the additional cost. Complaints have been received throughout the year of the excessive speed of automobiles at intersections of streets and the cutting of corners; that we were dilatory in not adopting some methods and putting into practise some means to curb these infractions of the law.

We took the opportunity that was offered and purchased a motor cycle and equipment.

The effect of the knowledge that a motor cycle officer is on duty in a town is very wholesome.

Believing that the flashing beacon at the corner of Highland and Great Plain Avenues, met with general public





GEORGE E. WRAGG

*In Memoriam*

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BORN IN PORTSMOUTH, N. H., JULY 16, 1856.

DIED IN NEEDHAM, MASS., APRIL 27, 1923.

FIRST UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICER OF NEEDHAM.

SELECTMAN FROM MARCH 1922, TO DATE OF DEATH.





approval, we accepted a proposition from the makers to furnish the town four more, with the condition that if the town failed to approve by refusing to appropriate the money at the annual town meeting to meet the expense, they could be returned.

Every city and town in Metropolitan Boston is installing some device of this kind, and there is no doubt about the effectiveness of it in necessitating a great reduction of speed at the points of installation.

We have had some complaints relative to these beacons, even to the extent of protests, but it would seem that their very general adoption would recommend them.

### **Board of Health**

The work of this Board has been ably carried out by the Agent, Mr. H. E. Berger, Jr., and we heartily recommend the continuance of this arrangement.

Public dumps are a convenience — under the present conditions, a necessity — and advantageous to the owner of the property but many times an annoyance to the neighborhood and, in some instances, a disgrace. It is a matter that is hard to properly oversee and control, and we hope that the town will add more stringent regulations governing the same to its by-laws.

The general health of the town has been good, doubtless due to some extent to the activities of the agent.

### **Board of Survey**

At the last annual town meeting the act of the statutes relative to the establishing of a Board of Survey was accepted and the Board of Selectmen are acting in that capacity.

Those citizens whose interests directly came in contact with the duties of this Board were apparently entirely unacquainted with the requirements of the statutes.

It will take a little time for the duties of this Board to work out smoothly, but in the end we believe that it will be very generally accepted as for the best interests of the town.

For the convenience of the citizens the following extracts from the General Laws, Chapter 41, are appended.

SECTION 73. . . . In towns which accept this section or have accepted corresponding provisions of earlier laws, the Selectmen shall constitute a board of survey.

SEC. 74. After the establishment of a board of survey no person shall open a private way for public use without first submitting to said board suitable plans thereof in accordance with such rules and regulations as the board may prescribe. . . . Upon the receipt of said plans, with a petition for their approval, the board shall give a public hearing thereon, after giving notice of the same by publication once in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper published in the town, the last publication to be at least two days before the hearing; and after the hearing, the board may alter such plans, and may determine where such ways shall be located and the width and grades thereof, and shall indicate any modifications on said plans. The plans as approved or modified by the board shall then be signed by the board, and shall be filed . . . in the office of the town clerk; and the officer with whom they are filed shall attest thereon the date of filing; and thereafter no way in the territory to which the plans relate shall be laid out or constructed except in accordance therewith, or with further plans subsequently approved by the board.

SEC. 75. The board of survey may, . . . from time to time cause plans to be made of such territory or sections of lands in the town as the board of survey or the planning board may deem necessary, showing thereon the location of such ways, whether already laid out or not, as, in the opinion of the board, the interest of the public may or will require in such territory, showing clearly the direction, width and grades of each way, . . . and said board may incur such expenses as it may deem necessary therefor, not exceeding the amount appropriated for the purpose. . . . Before causing such plans to be made, the board shall give a public hearing thereon, which shall be advertised in the manner prescribed in the preceding section, and shall, after the making of any such plan, give a hearing thereon, advertised in like manner, and keep the plan open to public inspection for one month after the first advertisement of the hearing. After the hearing, and after any alterations deemed necessary by said board have been made, the same shall be approved, signed, marked, filed and attested as provided in respect to the plans mentioned in the preceding section.

SEC. 77. The powers . . . of the selectmen in regard to highways shall not be abridged by sections seventy-three to eighty-one, inclusive, in any manner, except as provided herein, and the powers conferred by said sections shall be in addition to other powers possessed by towns. No public way shown on any plan filed as aforesaid shall hereafter be laid out, located anew, altered or widened, and no such way, whether already or hereafter laid out, shall be constructed by any public authority except in accordance with the plan duly attested and recorded under said sections. If any person shall open for public travel any private way the location, direction, width, grades and plan of drainage of which have not previously been approved in writing by the board of survey in the manner provided in said sections, neither the town nor other public authority shall place any public sewer, drain, water pipe or light in, or do any public construction work of any kind, or make repairs, on such private way; provided that this section shall not prevent the laying of a trunk sewer, drain, water or gas main if required by engineering necessities for the accommodation of other territory.

SEC. 78. No register of deeds shall record any plan showing thereon proposed ways in any town having a board of survey, unless there is endorsed thereon a certificate of said board, or other proper officer by it designated, that all laws applicable to such plan have been complied with. The clerk of each town shall notify the register of deed of the district where such town is situated of the acceptance by such town of section seventy-three or corresponding provisions of earlier laws, or of any special act establishing a board of survey therein, and also the name of the officer designated by said board to approve plans hereunder.

SEC. 79. Boards of survey, their officers and agents may, so far as they deem it necessary in carrying out sections seventy-three to eighty-one, inclusive, enter upon any lands and there make examinations and surveys, and place and maintain monuments and marks.

SEC. 80. A town which accepts section seventy-

three or has accepted corresponding provisions of earlier laws or has accepted any special act authorizing the creation of a board of survey therein may establish, in the manner provided for the laying out of town ways, the exterior lines of any way, the plan of which is approved under section seventy-four or seventy-five or under such special act; and thereafter no structure shall be erected or maintained between the exterior lines of the way so established, except that buildings or parts of buildings existing at the time of the establishment of said lines may remain and be maintained to such extent and under such conditions as may be prescribed by the board of survey of such town. Lines established under this section may be discontinued in the manner provided for the discontinuance of a highway or a town way.

SEC. 81. Sections seventy-three to seventy-nine, inclusive, shall not authorize the taking of land nor authorize a town to lay out or construct any way which may be indicated on any plan until such way has been laid out as a highway; nor shall said sections render a town liable for damages except such as may be sustained under section seventy-six by reason of the making and filing of any new plan or by reason of changes made in any plan already duly attested and filed, and for such damages as may be sustained by reason of the acts of the board of survey, its officers and agents under section seventy-nine. Any person injured in his property as aforesaid or by the establishment or discontinuance of exterior lines under section eighty may recover the damages so caused under chapter seventy-nine.

Appended to this report is a list of streets (and estimated costs) the condition of which is constantly growing worse.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLSTON R. BOWERS,  
HARRY L. THOMPSON,  
ROSCOE A. CARTER,

Board of Selectmen.

**List of Streets and Estimated Costs of Repairs Thereon**

Chestnut Street from Great Plain Avenue to Cedar Place, rebuilt .....	\$4,000 00
Manning Street Layout of 1916, thoroughly repaired .....	900 00*
South Street from Dedham Avenue to Great Plain Avenue, rebuilt .....	5,000 00*
South Street from Dedham Avenue to a point near Webster Street, rebuilt .....	3,000 00*
Greendale Avenue from Great Plain Avenue to Lyon's Bridge, rebuilt .....	4,000 00
Charles River Street to Grove Street, rebuilt .	5,500 00
Nehoiden Street—Central Avenue to Cemetery, rebuilt .....	1,900 00*
Reservoir Street, 2,000 linear feet resurfacing .	2,500 00
Forest Street, 3,100 linear feet gravel and tar topping .....	1,200 00
School Street from Chestnut to Dedham Avenue rebuilt .....	4,500 00*
Grant Street from Dedham Avenue to Kimball Street, rebuilt .....	4,800 00*
Mark Lee Road from Webster Street to Highland Avenue, rebuilt .....	2,500 00
Carter Street from Reservoir to Sherman Street	1,000 00
Fisher Street from Central Avenue to South Street .....	3,000 00
Oak Street from Linden Street to Chestnut Street .....	2,200 00*
Garden Street from Great Plain Avenue to May Street .....	2,000 00
Webster Street from Dedham Avenue to Norfolk and south to a point opposite Wellington estate, rebuilt .....	3,000 00*
Marked Tree Road from Central Avenue to High Rock Street .....	2,500 00
Lincoln Street from Dedham Avenue to Kimball Street .....	2,000 00
<i>Carried forward</i> .....	<hr/> \$55,500 00

\*Included in General Highway request for 1924, subject, however, to unforeseen demands upon the appropriation. Total \$26,500.000.



<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$55,500 00
Greendale Avenue from High Street to Kendrick Street .....	3,000 00
Great Plain Avenue, widen on turn at Harris Avenue, etc. ....	2,500 00
Kendrick Street from Cheney Street to Charles River .....	3,000 00
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	\$64,000 00

This list does not include all highways needing attention, but only some of the more urgent. All figures are furnished by the Superintendent of Streets.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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To the Needham Board of Health,

Gentlemen:—The following is my report as Agent and Milk Inspector for the year, 1923.

A total of 200 cases of communicable diseases were reported to the Board during the year, showing an increase of sixty-eight cases over those of 1922. Table No. 1 shows the monthly distribution of the cases, while Table No. 2 shows the cases reported during the ten-year period.

### Communicable Diseases

#### Chicken Pox

A total of nineteen cases of Chicken Pox were recorded, all but two of the cases occurring during the first six months of the year.

#### Diphtheria

Four cases of Diphtheria were reported to the Board. One case in January, one in May, one in June and one in December. The writer again advises the desirability of having the Schick test performed on the children of Needham. While Needham has been particularly fortunate in having comparatively few cases of Diphtheria in years past, it must not be taken for granted that such a favorable condition will always prevail. With the great number of non-immunes to this disease attending school, which can be roughly estimated at close to ninety per cent, much havoc might be wrought before the disease could be checked. The immunity conferred on the individual by the toxin-antitoxin mixture endures for at least seven years and evidence seems to indicate that it is effective for a much longer period.

#### German Measles

One case of this disease was reported.

#### Lobar Pneumonia

In March, April and May there was a total of four cases reported.

### Measles

One hundred and three cases of Measles were recorded, the majority of these cases occurring in March, April and May.

### Mumps

Mumps occasioned the reporting of forty cases, which almost doubled those of last year.

### Scarlet Fever

Seven cases were attributed to this disease.

### Tuberculosis

This disease claimed three people in pulmonary form and one in another form.

### Typhoid Fever

One case was reported and investigation showed the fact that infection had taken place while the individual had been on a business trip.

### Whooping Cough

This disease caused fifteen cases to come to our attention. This was one less than last year.

### Laboratory Examinations

The following examinations were made for physicians:

Cultures .....	50
Blood for Typhoid .....	4
Sputa.....	24
Smears for Gonorrhea .....	2
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Total .....	80

### Milk

During the year, a monthly chemical and bacteriological analysis of the milk, supplied by dealers and producers selling over twenty quarts, has been made. The results are shown in Table No. III.

### Complaints

In all, fifty-five complaints were received and abated. The majority of these were due to overflowing cesspools and this happens continually as in some sections the drainage is so poor. With the constantly increasing population indicative of a prosperous town the need of the modern system of sewage disposal makes itself increasingly manifest. While the need for this system seems to exist only in certain sections, the whole town would benefit thereby. During the year, the Board found it necessary to condemn one house as unfit for habitation.

### Vital Statistics

Owing to the fact that the statistical returns for the current year have not been completed, it seems advisable not to present the figures for 1923. In Tables No. IV and V are the figures for the nine years preceding.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. BERGER, JR.,  
Agent.

TABLE NO. I  
Cases of Diseases Dangerous to Public Health—By Month, 1923

DISEASES	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
Chicken Pox	1	7	5	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	19
Diphtheria	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	4
German Measles	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lobar Pneumonia	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Measles	1	...	19	44	28	5	3	...	...	...	...	3	103
Mumps	1	1	2	29	6	...	1	...	...	...	1	2	40
Scarlet Fever	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Tuberculosis	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pul. and Men.	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	9	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Dog bite	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Totals	6	9	30	87	41	13	5	0	0	0	1	8	200



TABLE NO. II  
Cases of Communicable Diseases for the Ten-Year Period

DISEASES	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Chicken pox	...	28	24	5	11	21	11	12	8	19
Diphtheria	5	15	5	6	4	6	11	2	11	4
Dog bite	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
German measles	1	1	...	46	6	...	2	...	...	1
Infantile paralysis	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	1	...
Influenza	...	...	...	...	701	60	234	1	24	...
Lobar pneumonia	...	...	...	2	17	5	9	8	5	4
Malaria	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Measles	7	209	31	48	71	1	36	8	8	103
Mumps	...	1	...	2	2	4	14	...	21	40
Ophthalm-neon	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...
Scarlet fever	5	25	16	6	11	9	20	11	24	7
Suppurative conj.	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Trachoma	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Tuberculosis	12	7	8	13	7	10	7	3	7	4
Typhoid fever	4	1	...	...	1	2	3	...	...	1
Whooping cough	1	54	62	11	1	2	12	43	16	15
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Totals	35	348	148	143	834	123	365	89	132	200

TABLE NO. III

\*Median Number of Bacteria per C.C. for Each Dealer and Chemical Analysis (Average) 1923

DEALER	Median number of bacteria per c.c.		Per Cent Fat	Per Cent Solids
Anastasi .....	42,000	..	3.5	12.48
Bacon Farm Dairy .....	51,000	..	3.4	12.0
Bezanson, R. C. ....	45,000	..	3.35	12.04
Bean, A. E. ....	61,000	..	3.45	12.18
Bond, Richard .....	24,000	..	4.15	12.96
Chambers, R. H. ....	31,000	..	3.6	12.53
Cliffe, James G. ....	40,000	..	3.4	12.48
Trundley, Harry .....	37,000	..	3.5	12.35
Walker-Gordon .....	4,000	..	3.9	12.98

\*Median—The middle term selected after the counts have been arranged in the order of their magnitude.

TABLE NO. IV

## Vital Statistics

Year	Est. Population July 1	Deaths	Death rate corrected*
1914	5,888	72	12.2
1915	6,092	97	15.9
1916	6,297	84	13.3
1917	6,401	91	14.2
1918	6,706	144	21.4
1919	6,910	83	12.0
1920	7,114	114	16.0
1921	7,318	84	11.3
1922	7,522	88	10.9
1923	7,726	...	....

TABLE NO. V

## Infant Mortality Rate for Ten Years

Year	Est. Population July 1	Births	Birth rate corrected	Infant Mortality rate corrected
1914	5,888	122	20.6	73.8
1915	6,092	184	30.2	71.0
1916	6,297	162	25.8	61.8
1917	6,401	151	23.6	26.5
1918	6,706	165	24.6	66.7
1919	6,910	132	19.1	60.6
1920	7,114	154	21.6	97.3
1921	7,318	192	25.4	42.7
1922	7,522	160	20.2	58.1
1923	7,726	....	....	....

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—I submit the annual report, containing a brief summary of the work performed by the Highway Department, during the year 1923, with recommendations for necessary additions the coming year.

From the general highway appropriations:

### Permanent Bituminous Construction

Highland Avenue .....	2,700 yards
Hunnewell Street .....	300 yards
Nehoiden Street .....	4,300 yards
Great Plain Avenue .....	2,000 yards
Linden Street .....	3,000 yards
Charles River Street .....	1,500 yards
Dedham Avenue (car tracks).....	1,150 yards
Highland Avenue and Rosemary St.	300 yards
Webster Street .....	1,500 yards

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Total .....16,750 yards

So that you may more readily understand, the great amount of work accomplished over other years, I will quote the amount of work done, during the three previous years, from general appropriations.

"In the year 1920.....	5,700 yards"
"In the year 1921.....	1,000 yards"
"In the year 1922.....	5,852 yards"

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"Total .....12,552 yards"

A total of 12,552 yards or to be explicit, there were 4,198 yards more work accomplished this year than during the three years quoted.

### Bridges

Pierces Bridge: newly planked and repaired.

Kendrick St. Bridge: newly planked and repaired.

## Trees

The Highway Department has been called upon, to remove many trees, necessary for improvements: the Tree Warden not being able to cope with the situation. The removal of these trees have cost this department one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars. It would seem to the Superintendent that the Highway appropriation was not to be expended for removal of trees; but for Street work alone. I would suggest that the Finance Committee's attention be called to these facts, so that in the future, the Tree Warden's appropriation may be sufficient to carry on this work.

## Reconstruction and Resurfacing

Webster Street, from Highland Avenue to Harris Avenue, one mile and a half was reconstructed, and resurfaced.

## Cold Patching

There were 13,742 gallons of cold patching material used, making approximately 1,057 cubic yards of repairing done for the year.

May I call your attention to the amount of material used during the three previous years:

"In the year 1920.....	502 gallons"
"In the year 1921.....	2,311 gallons"
"In the year 1922.....	1,974 gallons"
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"Total .....	4,787 gallons"

Showing you, gentlemen, that nearly three times the amount of material has been used over the figures of the three years just quoted.

## Recommendations — Drains

No. 1. Once again, I would call your attention to the urgent need of a drain at the rear of Town Hall, at Chapel Street and Highland Avenue.

No. 2. A drain on Manning Street to connect with drain on Great Plain Avenue.

No. 3. There is still great need of a drain on Great Plain Avenue, at the point of Garden Street and Nehoiden Street, taking the drainage to May Street.

### Streets

No. 4. The tracks on Chestnut Street should be removed and the Street constructed and drained, from a point opposite Kimball School to the Junction Station. This will be at a cost of three (\$3000.00) thousand dollars.

No. 5. South Street should be constructed from Webster Street to Great Plain Avenue. This would cost eight (\$8000.00) thousand dollars.

No. 6. Nehoiden Street from Central Avenue to the Cemetery is in need of construction. This at a cost of one thousand nine hundred (\$1,900.00) dollars.

No. 7. Webster Street should be constructed from Dedham Avenue to Norfolk Street, and from South Street to a point opposite the "Wellington Estate." This at a cost of three (\$3,000.00) thousand dollars.

No. 8. Charles River Street, from Pierces Bridge to Grove Street should also be resurfaced. At a cost of five thousand five hundred (\$5,500.00) dollars.

No. 9. Manning Street, layout of 1916 to be rebuilt. At a cost of nine (\$900.00) hundred dollars.

No. 10. Greendale Avenue, from Great Plain Avenue to Charles River Street, should be resurfaced. At a cost of two (\$2000.00) thousand dollars.

No. 11. Kendrick Street, should be resurfaced, at an expense of three (\$3000.00) thousand dollars.

No. 12. Reservoir Street might be put in a passable condition, at an expense of two (\$2000.00) thousand dollars.

### Fences

No. 13. On Highland Avenue, at Memorial Park.

No. 14. Dedham Avenue, at Charles River Bridge.

No. 15. Greendale Avenue, at Charles River Bridge.

No. 16. At Highland Avenue, on west side of state road.

No. 17. On Kendrick Street, at Charles River Bridge.

Safety to the public, demands the reconstructing of the fences at the points heretofore mentioned.

No. 18. Would recommend an appropriation of one (\$1000.00) thousand dollars for that purpose.



### Street Signs

No. 19. Would call your attention, to the deplorable condition of our signs, in general, some places having none, where most needed. Would recommend that the sum of one (\$1000.00) thousand dollars be set aside, under the jurisdiction of this department for this purpose alone.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. SANCRIE,  
Superintendent of Streets.

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## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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January 1, 1924.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—As head of the Police Department for the past twenty-six years I have endeavored to keep the expenses of the department as low as it was possible to keep them and give protection to the Townspeople.

During this period the town has more than doubled its population and the automobile has more than quadrupled its traffic on the streets. Our department has not kept up with this great advance, there being only five permanent men now against two twenty-five years ago. To give adequate protection it has been necessary at times for some of the officers to work twelve to sixteen hours per day without recompense for the extra hours of duty. The regular hours of the night men are from 7.00 P. M. to 4.00 A. M. and those of the day men from 8.00 A. M. to 6.00 P. M. This leaves five hours out of the twenty-four when the town is without police protection.

I believe that the time has come when two additional permanent men should be added to the department and I so recommend. These men will be used to cover the one day off of the present force, and to give protection at both sections of the town during the early morning hours.

I wish at this time to bring before you for your consideration the matter of increased wages for the members of the department. With the ever increasing cost of living and the increase of the price of uniforms the members feel

they should receive an increase in salary, and they will present to you in the near future a petition to this effect. The small increase asked for will then leave their salaries below those of our neighboring town. I hope due consideration will be given their petition.

The police ambulance purchased during the year has been used several times and has each time proved its worth in the handling of the injured.

We have also added a motor-cycle to the equipment, and have found it a great help in keeping the automobiles within bounds on the outlying streets.

Following is a record of the court cases handled during the year:

Number of arrests .....	173
Number of cases .....	191
Number of males .....	163
Number of females .....	10
Number of residents .....	73
Number of non-residents .....	100
Number of juveniles .....	1

#### Causes of Arrest

Assault and Battery.....	8
Assault on an officer.....	1
Bastardy .....	2
Destroying property.....	1
Disturbing the peace.....	5
Drunk .....	72
Illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.....	12
Keeping and Exposing intoxicating liquors..	6
Insane .....	1
Larceny .....	6
Neglect of wife and child.....	1
Neglect to send children to school.....	1
Ringing false alarm.....	2
Vagrant .....	1
Violation of automobile laws.....	72
Violation of probation.....	1

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Total .....	191
Search warrants for intoxicating liquors.....	12
Warrants served for other towns.....	65
Amount of fines imposed.....	\$2,363.50
Amount of fines received by town.....	\$1,408.50
Amount of automobile fines.....	955.00

To your Honorable Board and to the patrolmen I wish again to extend my appreciation for your assistance and co-operation at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN MacKENZIE,  
Chief of Police.

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## REPORT OF CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

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December 31, 1923.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the thirty-eighth annual report of the Needham Fire Department. As the town grows, the calls on this department constantly become more frequent, and the past year reached a total of 167. This is the largest number of alarms ever recorded in Needham in any one year.

The total of 167 alarms includes: five out of town calls, of which three were to Dover, one to Dedham, and one to Wellesley; twenty still alarms; seven false; two tests; four second-alarms; and two police calls.

It is again gratifying to call your attention to the low percentage of fire loss during the past year, which is due in a great measure to the quick response of the motor apparatus and permanent men. All of the apparatus is in perfect condition and has never failed to respond when needed.

The permanent men of the department make necessary repairs to the machines, do all of the work on the fire alarm system, besides the various other duties assigned them under the direction of the Chief. I wish to express my appreciation of the spirit shown by the permanent men in the manner in which they perform the duties assigned them.

The call men have responded to the alarms willingly, and they are to be commended for the effective work done by them in this department.

The fire stations are in an unsafe condition. While the buildings are in as good repair as it is possible to put them, built of light material over forty years ago, they do not improve in safety for the men, neither do they compare in

appearance with other public buildings of the town. Steps should be taken at once to secure a lot of land for a central fire station which should be built without delay.

This department is in need of another permanent man as at present there is no provision made to fill a vacancy in case of sickness, or during the vacations which the men get during the summer.

All of the town departments procure their gas and oil at wholesale at the fire station on Chestnut Street. A record of all gasoline and oil used by the various departments is kept by the Chief who makes a return to the town accountant on the first of each month.

Inspections of the public buildings for fire hazards are made by the Chief and permanent men, and marked improvement in the conditions both inside and out of these buildings is shown since these inspections were started.

Each company has held drills twice a month during the six summer months. The amount of hose used for fire service during the year was 6200 ft.; the number of gallons of chemicals used was 1,258; and there were 1,030 ft. of ladders raised in the extinguishment of fires.

The total of 167 calls during the past year were:—two test; two police; six needless; seven false; and for fires classified as follows:

Frame Buildings .....	47
Brick Buildings .....	1
Cement Buildings .....	1
Woods, Brush and Grass.....	82
Dump .....	12
Automobiles .....	10
Railroad Bridge .....	2
Transformer .....	1

Causes of fire so far as known are as follows:—

Sparks Locomotive .....	24
Chimneys .....	22
Smoking .....	10
Incendiary .....	7
Oil Stove .....	4
Children .....	8
Auto Ignition .....	9
Burning Rubbish .....	4
Carelessness .....	5
Accident .....	2
Hunters .....	3

The amount of value, insurance, and loss by fire, is as follows:—

Value of Buildings at risk.....	\$137,710.00
Values of Contents at risk.....	67,350.00
Total .....	\$205,060.00
Insurance on Buildings.....	\$114,000.00
Insurance on Contents.....	46,700.00
Total .....	\$160,700.00
Loss on Buildings.....	\$8,070.00
Loss on Contents.....	3,493.00
Total .....	\$11,563.00
Insurance paid on Buildings.....	\$7,220.00
*Insurance paid on Contents.....	1,088.00
Total .....	\$8,308.00
Actual financial loss to owners of property by fire .....	\$3,255.00

\*One claim remaining unpaid on January 1, 1924.

The actual financial loss resulting from fire to owners of property in Needham in 1923 was one and fifty-nine one-hundredths per cent of the total value of the property at risk.

In conclusion I wish to again express my appreciation for the co-operation of the men of the department, and of the Honorable Board of Selectmen, in their aid and support in the matters pertaining to this department.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HOWARD UPHAM,

Chief of Fire Dept.

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## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:—

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the annual report of the Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

The past year has been a busy one for this department.



About two and a half miles of wire has been run, as follows: Hunnewell St.; Central Ave. from Nehoiden St. to Box 43, Nehoiden St.; and from Central Ave. to Rosemary St. About fifty crossarms have been changed where the Edison and Telephone Companies have set new poles. Eight hundred and thirty feet of underground cable has been replaced from the town hall to May St. on No. 5 and No. 6 circuits. The running of the new cable was emergency work made necessary by the damage done by lightning, which completely demolished the old installation. While this work was being done temporary lines were run in the trees and there was no interruption in the service.

Four new boxes have been added to the system: Box 5 (private) at the F. W. Gorse Co.; Box 121 (private) at the Needham Chronicle Building; Box 17 at the corner of Parkin-son and Manning Sts.; and Box 62 was changed from Marked Tree Rd. to Great Plain Ave. and a new box, 612, was installed at the old location of Box 62.

A new fire alarm pedestal has been installed in Needham Square for Box 28. Mounted on the pedestal is a red and a green light; the red light shows the box location at night, and the green light is used as a police signal.

All of this work has been done under the general supervision of the Chief of the Fire Department as Superintendent of Fire Alarm, and all the labor has been performed by Ass't. Supt. Harris assisted by the permanent firemen, who have done a total of about a thousand hours work in the fire alarm department.

The fire alarm whistle, on the town hall, which last year gave considerable trouble has given excellent service this year, never failing to respond when occasion has required it, and all of the interior apparatus and equipment of the department is in good condition.

For this coming year I recommend:—The replacement of the underground cable (other than that installed this year) which has been in service about twenty-five years and is in poor condition; that two new fire alarm boxes be installed, one on Central Ave. near the Dwight School, also one in the vicinity of Pine Grove St. at Needham Heights; and that a Ford Truck be purchased for this department to take the place of the present service car which has been in use for fourteen years and has about passed its usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HOWARD UPHAM,  
Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

December 31, 1923.



## REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:—

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my 15th annual report as Forest Warden.

During the year there has been 1651 permits issued from this office for burning rubbish, grass, and brush.

The fire department was called to but four fires caused by burning rubbish etc., and in each case a permit had been secured before the fire was started. During the extreme dry period of this year the granting of permits was suspended by order of the State Forester.

In accordance with the statutes the necessary notices relative to the necessity of securing a written permit from the Forest Warden before building a fire in the open were published in the "Needham Chronicle" in the month of February.

All residents desiring to build a fire in the open are required by law from March 1 to December 1 to first obtain a permit for each fire from the Forest Warden, and the instructions printed on the back of the permit should be read carefully. Permits may be obtained from fire department headquarters, Chestnut St., Needham, or at Station 2, Needham Heights.

The following are extracts from the Massachusetts Forest Laws:

### Setting Fires in the Open Air

No person shall set, maintain or increase a fire in the open air between March first and December first except by written permission of the state fire marshal, within the metropolitan fire prevention district as defined in section twenty-eight of chapter one hundred and forty-eight, or, outside thereof, of the forest warden or chief of the fire department in cities and towns, or, in cities having such an official, the fire commissioner; provided, that debris from fields, gardens and orchards, and leaves and rubbish from yards may be burned on ploughed fields by the owners thereof, their agents or lessees, if such fire is at least two hundred feet distant from any sprout or forest land and at least fifty feet distant from any building and is properly attended until extinguished; and provided, further, that persons above the age of eighteen may set or maintain a

fire for a reasonable purpose upon sandy land or upon salt marshes or sandy or rocky beaches bordering on tide water, if the fire is enclosed within rocks, metal or other non-inflammable material. The forest wardens in towns and officials performing the duties of forest wardens in cities shall cause public notice to be given of the provisions of this section, and shall enforce the same. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one month, or both. [G. L. Chap. 48, Sect. 13.]

### **Arrest Without Warrant**

The Forest Warden or any of his deputies may arrest any persons setting or maintaining a fire in violation of the provisions of this Act. [G. L. Chap. 48, Sect. 15.]

Copies of more complete extracts from the General Laws relative to fires in the open, may be obtained upon application to this office.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HOWARD UPHAM,

December 31, 1923.

Forest Warden.

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## **REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH DEPARTMENT**

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Needham, Mass., January 25, 1924.

Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the annual report of the Moth Department for the year 1923.

The infestation of the Gypsy Moth in 1923 was the lightest for ten years. The two main factors in this decrease were, the work of the parasites and the wilt disease. Of the former there has been forty-six kinds introduced into New England, and it is believed that at least fifteen of these varieties have become firmly established.

Some of these parasites attack the full grown caterpillar, others deposit their eggs in the small caterpillars which hatch there and destroy the caterpillar. This last

mentioned parasite has two or more broods during the season. Two other parasites are known to work on the egg clusters only, of the Gypsy Moth as well as on the eggs of other caterpillar pests. Therefore, we have active parasites for all stages of the caterpillar life. Of course this reduction in Gypsy and Brown-Tail Moths does not mean that the State, Cities, Towns, and private property owners can afford to be lax in their watchfulness.

In all parts of the Town there are enough egg clusters to re-infest this whole area with caterpillars next summer if neglected. It, therefore, behooves all property owners at this time to see that all egg clusters are painted with creosote which is the best and surest way of destroying them. This Department will furnish creosote free on application for this work.

The wilt disease is a contagious organism which works on the full grown Gypsy caterpillar, killing them in great numbers. This disease is always found where the infestation is the heaviest.

The new Satin Moth has been found on practically all poplar trees throughout the Town. It will be necessary for all owners of such trees to spray them before the first of June with Arsenate of Lead. The Satin Moth has two hatchings a season, but a thorough June spraying will fore-stall the second brood which is usually about the first of August. This Satin Moth or caterpillar is easily recognized by the beautiful white spots on his back.

There will be a heavy visitation of the tent caterpillars this spring. Fruit tree owners must watch them closely and destroy the nests on appearance.

Last April this Department sprayed twenty-two miles of Needham's roadside trees for this caterpillar. This work was very successful and we feel fully repaid for our efforts when we compared our conditions with those of our neighboring towns. This spraying was done with a sixty-five gallon, barrel sprayer at a small expense. The outlook is such that much more of this work will be necessary in the coming spring.

The entire Town has been scouted for the Brown-Tail and less than one hundred webs were found. This whole amount is less than what has been found on a single tree in former years. These recently found webs were in a very unhealthy condition and it is doubtful if they would have developed next spring.

Our creosoting program must be carried through as usual but will be completed sooner than ever before. It cannot be estimated at the present time the possible curtailment of our usual spraying program. We shall take no chances of a re-infestation by laxity at this time.

The success of this Department has only been possible by the co-operation of private property owners and it takes this opportunity to thank them all.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE TWIGG,  
Superintendent.

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## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

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Needham, Mass., January 25, 1924.

The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the annual report of the Tree Warden Department for the year 1923.

This Department has again accomplished a large amount of roadside brush cutting, not only on curves and street intersections but on the whole length of both sides of Greendale Avenue and other streets. These roads are now safer and more open to traffic. A great deal of this work still remains to be done as the appropriation was not adequate to complete it.

Our trees which were so badly damaged by the ice storm are making a wonderful recovery. The remarkable new growth is in some cases phenomenal. This year the Department will have to start removing excessive growth retaining only that which tends to restore the symmetry and beauty of the trees. A great amount of labor and expense will be entailed to accomplish this, but the future good of the trees demands that this trimming and shaping be done as soon as possible.

The construction of the new garage on Chestnut Street, the Flax Building on Great Plain Avenue, and building of new streets have necessitated the removal of some of our largest trees. This is deplorable but in all cases unavoidable. There are still a number of trees that will have to be sacrificed for similar reasons. To offset this loss and to further enhance the beauty of the town, this Depart-



ment has planned a larger tree planting program than ever before, provided that sufficient appropriation is available.

The section of Harris Avenue constructed last summer between Dedham and Mayo Avenues, has been planted on both sides with Rock and Norway maples. This Department proposes to lay out the center of this Avenue by alternating elms and spruces which will make a combination both effective and beautiful. This tentative program is subject to an adequate appropriation.

During the summer of 1923 seven young trees planted in 1921 and 1922 were so mutilated and broken by careless automobile driving that they had to be removed.

Some fifteen trees, too large to be broken, received bad bark injuries. Steam shovels, derricks, and trucks with excessive high loads, passing through the town have caused considerable damage to branches. The Department intends to test some of these tree damage cases in court this coming year.

The Ash trees which have been affected with scale will require spraying with scaleside in the spring. Weak and undernourished trees will be fed and stimulated with bone meal and acid phosphate.

Considerable damage has been done mischievously by children to newly planted trees, by cutting the bark and chopping through the cambium layer; one young tree being so badly injured that its removal was necessary.

This Department will be grateful to anyone reporting to them such cases of tree mutilation as come to their attention.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE TWIGG,

Tree Warden.

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## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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Needham, Mass., January 1, 1924

Needham Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the annual report of Sealer of Weights and Measures for year ending December 31, 1923.

The various requirement of this Department have been carried out.

The weighing and measuring devices in the several business establishments have been inspected and results were satisfactory.

Ninety-eight annual inspections were made, also many inspections during the year.

The work of this department has greatly increased owing to several new stores and gasoline pumps.

Fees collected ..... \$64.89

Amount turned over to Town Treasurer ..... 64.89

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. STANTON,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

Needham, Mass., January 1, 1924.

Needham Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—The following report of Dog officer for year ending December 31, 1923 is submitted.

Number of dogs licensed, three hundred and seventy eight.

I feel confident that a very small per cent of the dogs of Needham escaped licensing.

It is almost impossible to find them all.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. STANTON,  
Dog Officer.

## STATE AND MILITARY AID

January 12, 1924.

Board of Selectmen, Needham, Mass.

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith my report on Soldiers' Relief, State Aid and Military Aid showing expenditures as follows:

Soldiers' Relief..... \$802.00

State Aid ..... 528.00

Military Aid ..... 645.00

I recommend appropriation for 1924 as follows:

Soldiers' Relief..... \$800.00

State Aid ..... 500.00

Military Aid ..... 600.00

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN,

By F. J. STANWOOD, Agent.



## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

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December 31, 1923.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:— I herewith submit my seventh annual report, as building inspector, and the eleventh of the department.

For the seven years since the present inspector entered upon his duties as inspector the total estimated value of all construction is \$3,569,966. Summarized by years, construction has been as follows:

	Permits	Value of Permits	Increase Over Previous Year
1917	101	\$211,120 00	.....
1918	82	102,485 00	*\$108,635 00
1919	175	384,876 00	282,391 00
1920	158	332,825 00	*52,051 00
1921	211	655,090 00	322,265 00
1922	279	716,620 00	61,530 00
1923	278	1,166,950 00	450,330 00

\*Decrease.

The past year has been an eventful one in building operations of the town. The value of buildings built and under construction is far in advance of any one year in the history of Needham. Two hundred and seventy-eight permits have been issued during 1923, and these it will be noted from above summary represent an increase in value of construction over last year of \$450,330. The following table shows the classification of permits for the year and the value of each class of construction by months, and also for the year.

All construction has been inspected and while in some cases minor changes had to be made, all of the work has been made to comply with our building laws.

The number of permits for electrical wiring issued from this office for the year is 333. The wiring permits are issued from Fire Department Headquarters and the inspections are made by Joseph Alexander, Inspector of Wires, (residence, Harris Avenue). The number of plumbing permits is 148. The plumbing permits are issued by the Inspectors of Plumbing, J. F. Buckley and Henry Thomas. The amount

collected for permits in this department for the use of the town and paid to the Treasurer, is as follows:

Building Permits	\$290
Electrical Permits	229
Plumbing Permits	177
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	\$696

Respectfully submitted,

H. HOWARD UPHAM,  
Building Inspector.

# CLASSIFICATION OF PERMITS

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
No. of permits . . .	7	8	16	27	30	28	31	26	23	31	34	17	278
Value of permits . .	\$27,900	\$52,800	\$57,725	\$137,305	\$89,715	\$102,485	\$73,800	\$59,775	\$315,935	\$92,130	\$98,830	\$58,550	\$1,166,950
*No. of dwellings	5	6	8	10	11	15	7	9	4	9	13	8	105
Value of dwellings	27,000	49,000	43,200	79,000	73,400	88,800	44,400	51,600	27,700	56,400	89,200	53,000	682,700
†No. of Garages . .	.....	.....	4	11	8	9	11	11	10	16	13	3	96
Value of garages . .	.....	.....	1,900	4,830	3,215	4,485	4,725	5,700	4,210	20,230	6,480	1,350	57,125
No. of additions . .	2	2	3	4	6	4	8	4	6	2	4	5	50
Value of additions	900	3,800	12,325	1,775	11,800	9,200	17,275	23,000	2,825	725	850	4,000	67,775
No. of misc. (sheds etc.) . . . . .	.....	.....	1	1	5	.....	4	2	2	3	4	1	23
Value of misc. const.	.....	.....	300	1,700	1,300	.....	1,400	175	1,200	775	2,300	200	9,350
Schools . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Value schools . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	280,000	.....	.....	.....	280,000
Store buildings . .	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Value of store bldgs.	.....	.....	.....	50,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Factories . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,000
Value of factories	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,000	.....	.....	1
Greenhouses . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Value of greenh'es	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000

Tax exempt, High School Building and Kimball School addition, \$286,000, leaving total amount taxable, \$880,950.

\*Seven of these two-family dwellings.

†One public and two commercial garages, authorized by Selectmen as required by Town By-laws.

## REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Needham Heights, Mass., January 29, 1924.

The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—We beg to hand herewith a report of the Park Department for the year 1923.

This department has expended the following amounts: For care of Thorpe Memorial Park, Noyes Park at corner of Central and Great Plain Avenues, Hurds Corner, Public Library Corner, Depot mound at Needham, Vesta Park, Dedham Ave. and Warren Street, small plot at Webster & Greendale Ave., and Needham Heights Common.

Labor .....	\$322.05
Material .....	37.17
Repairing flags at Needham Heights and painting flag pole at Noyes Park.....	36.50
Bathhouse, South St., life guard.....	100.00
Bathhouse, South St., repairs, labor.....	41.19
Bathhouse, repairs, material, including new equip- ment .....	26.44
Town of Needham Water Tax.....	8.00
Removing shrubs from Thorpe Park, Noyes Park and Hurds Corner and heel in on Memorial Park	234.79
	<hr/> \$806.14
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1924, which reverted to town treasurer .....	93.86
	<hr/> \$900.00

The Park Commissioners are of the opinion that there should be a considerable amount of work done on our three large parks, Thorpe Park at Needham Heights, Vesta Park on Dedham Avenue, and Noyes Park on Central Avenue, old Needham, during the coming year.

There has been a considerable amount of justified criticism of the condition of Thorpe Park, the causes of which the commissioners wish to lay before the town. The removal of the large shrubs which had long been a menace to motor traffic as they blocked the view of intersecting streets had been under discussion for several years and has at last been accomplished during this season. It had been hoped that these shrubs would be removed and used in connection with the work on Memorial Park early

last spring. However, owing to the late date at which this work was accomplished, it was decided not to carry out the new planting which the commissioners planned. This park has therefore remained in a condition not pleasing to either the citizens or this board. It is now planned, if the necessary appropriation is forthcoming, to replant Thorpe Park with smaller shrubs and a few small beautiful flowering trees. If this were done, the appearance of the park would be greatly enhanced, the passing motorist would be able to see approaching traffic over the tops of low shrubs and the flowering trees would be so arranged as not to obstruct his view. When this is done, the commissioners feel that this park will be a memorial satisfying to the citizens and to its donor.

Some years ago a number of small evergreens were planted at the sharp corner of Noyes Park, where Noyes Street intersects Central Avenue. This corner is an obstruction to cars proceeding southerly on Central Avenue and wishing to turn to the left and return upon Noyes Street. The Commissioners recommend that these evergreens be removed and used elsewhere as necessary upon town property and the corner rounded off and made easy for the ever-increasing motor traffic.

The Selectmen have on file in their office a plan for the rounding off of the northwesterly corner of Vesta Park which will accommodate new traffic coming from the recently improved boulevard known as Harris Avenue. The park commissioners concurred with them in the opinion that this work should be undertaken at once and make that recommendation.

Furthermore, Vesta Park is densely shaded by a large number of trees. A few of these trees are in bad shape and should be removed. The remainder should be properly pruned by a trained expert and the park should be maintained as a shaded, restful open space. The commissioners feel that the appearance of the park has been unpleasant for a considerable period of time owing to the fact that the soil lacks fertility and the trees cast such dense shadows that grass will not grow at the present time. It is the opinion of the commissioners that this soil should be turned over, limed, fertilized and cultivated until it is in proper condition to grow a crop.

It should then be planted either to shady lawn grass or to a low-growing, ground-covering vine, such as myrtle. The commissioners recommend that this be done in order

that this important park may be an amenity rather than a blot.

The other small parks scattered throughout the town at the intersection of various streets will call for a certain amount of care and possibly some reseeding during the forthcoming year. There will also be the usual charges for the maintenance of bathhouses on South Street and there should be some careful replanting done upon the flower-bed at the Needham Railroad Station and again on the Needham Heights Common.

Therefore, the commissioners respectfully ask that the appropriation which they received last year be increased to \$1000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

PRESTON MITCHELL, Chairman.

I. TUCKER BURR, JR., Secretary.

FREDERICK S. KINGSBURY.

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL PARK TRUSTEES

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The memorial Park Trustees herewith submit their annual report for the year 1923.

Two of the most important features of the Memorial Park have been accomplished this year. The Legion has a home on the corner and an athletic field has been made.

The making of the athletic field comprised of subgrading the entire area, putting in a twelve inch drain along the base of the hill and a twelve inch drain running across the field and connecting with the Town dry well in the South-West corner of the Park, a series of three inch drains running lengthwise of the field, lead into the main drain. The field was then covered with a foot of loam which rolled to an average of eight inches. Due to the unusual dry Fall, the seed got only a poor start thereby postponing the actual use of the field until mid-summer of 1924.

The Legion proved the popularity of the park for Band Concerts and they also staged a fourth of July Celebration with great success.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS JAMES CROSSMAN, Jr., Chairman.

PARKMAN D. HOWE

OSCAR STARKWEATHER

WALLACE J. RAE

ALLSTON P. BOWERS

ROSCOE A. CARTER



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH, 1923, TO MOVE THE MOSELEY HOUSE TO MEMORIAL PARK

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The following article was passed at the Town Meeting March, 1923:

Article 20. Voted: As a token of appreciation of the services and sacrifices of the Needham men as soldiers, sailors and marines in the World's War and to commemorate such services and sacrifices, the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) is hereby appropriated for the purpose of excavating a cellar and building the necessary wall and foundation, at a location on Memorial Park to be designated by the Memorial Park Trustees and acceptable to the members of the local Post 14, of the American Legion, and for moving the Mosely House, just acquired by the Town, from its present location to the location selected on Memorial Park and to connect or replace and connect the plumbing, fixtures and heating apparatus, and to make such alterations and repairs in the building as may be found necessary to put the same in first class condition: Also to provide a cesspool, grade and seed the grounds adjacent to the building, and the house when so moved to be known as Memorial Park Headquarters, Post 14, and the Trustees of Memorial Park to make such regulations as may be necessary to give to Needham Post 14, of the American Legion and such of its auxiliaries and affiliated organizations as the Post may desire, the sole and exclusive use of said headquarters, and the Board of Memorial Park Trustees and John J. Coppinger, Amos H. Shepherdson and Coleman Hands of the Post are hereby constituted a committee with full powers to carry out the above and in the name of the Town to make such contracts as are found necessary to give this vote full force and effect.

In accordance with this article the following committee met on April 12, 1923: Allston R. Bowers, Roscoe A.

Carter, T. J. Crossman, Jr., Parkman D. Howe, Wallace G. Rae, Oscar H. Starkweather, J. J. Coppinger, Coleman Hands, and Amos Shepherdson, with Coleman Hands as Chairman and Amos Shepherdson as Secretary.

Sub-committees were formed to obtain bids for moving the house, and cellar construction. These committees immediately functioned, and after careful consideration of all bids, contracts were made with John Cavanagh & Son for moving, and with Lorenzo Sabiano for cellar construction. On the advice of the landscape architect, F. A. Kingsbury, the committee chose the site upon which the House now stands.

The money appropriated for the use of this committee was entirely expended, after paying for the moving of the house, necessary cellar construction, and a small amount of grading.

The Needham Post 14, American Legion, volunteered to assume the expense for the completion of the work, and as spent approximately \$3000.00 for remodeling the house, installation and repairing of plumbing, electrical work, heating, painting, decorating, etc. Most of the rough work of painting both inside and outside and grading was done voluntarily by Legion members.

The house was officially opened as Headquarters for Needham Post 14, American Legion, on November 12, 1923, and has been used since that time with much appreciation and enthusiasm by the members of the Post.

This committee wishes to acknowledge the co-operation of Mr. Charles Moseley for his courtesy in allowing the building to be moved across his land.

The following expenditures have been made by this committee:

Moving building, John Cavanagh & Son.....	\$2500.00
Cellar construction, L. Sabinano.....	1767.00
Mason work, L. Sabinano.....	207.50
Surveying, P. D. G. Hamilton.....	25.00
Iron columns, Lally Column Co. ....	38.00
Bricks, C. H. Spring.....	54.00
Grading, Oscar H. Starkweather.....	240.00
Carpenter work, George W. Holt.....	168.50
Total .....	<hr/> \$5000.00

The following expenditures have been made by Needham Post 14, American Legion:

Painting .....	\$963.39
Heating .....	830.00
Electrical .....	295.11
Carpenter .....	881.09
Floors, resurfaced .....	100.00
Miscellaneous .....	9.75
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	\$3,079.34

Respectfully submitted for the committee,  
 COLEMAN HANDS, Chairman,  
 AMOS H. SHEPHERDSON, Secretary,  
 ALLSTON R. BOWERS,  
 ROSCOE A. CARTER,  
 O. H. STARKWEATHER,  
 J. J. COPPINGER,  
 T. J. CROSSMAN, JR.,  
 P. D. HOWE,  
 WALLACE G. RAE.

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## REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

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On March 5, 1923, the first Planning Board of the town of Needham was elected. This board consisted of:

Arthur Rohn, to serve 1 year, elected Chairman.  
 Ernest B. Allen, to serve 2 years, elected Secretary.  
 Frederick S. Kingsbury, to serve for 3 years.  
 Gordon W. Herdman, to serve for 4 years.  
 Fred A. Norcross, to serve for 5 years.

The General Laws of the Commonwealth provide that the Planning Board should make a careful study of resources, possibilities, and needs of the town, particularly with respect to conditions injurious to the public health, and making plans for the development of the town with especial reference to the proper housing of its inhabitants. The Planning Board, at once, started holding weekly meetings, getting data from the State where Town Planning comes under the Department of Public Welfare to determine what it was

possible for them to do and what studies they might make which would be most helpful to the town of Needham.

One of the first things they wanted was a map of the town and found that only small parts of the town had ever been mapped with any amount of accuracy and that the Board of Assessors were also very much in need of proper maps for their work. We finally decided to use the map used in the Sewer Report as the best obtainable, until such time as the town would authorize the preparation of an adequate map.

Studies were immediately commenced on through traffic highways and future traffic highways, which could be developed when required, and solutions are ready when the necessity arises to put these into effect. Similarly larger parcels of land available for future development were investigated, for example, the large tract of land owned by Geo. F. Williams on High Rock was looked over and Mr. Williams spent an evening with the Board, bringing in his blue prints, and these were studied in detail. Other tracts were gone over and other owners were consulted so that the Planning Board was able to become familiar with the future possibilities for the town, and we can state that we know that it is possible to gradually develop the town into an attractive place in which to live and to incorporate in this development many beautiful residential sections.

The Planning Board came out in opposition to the locating of gasoline filling stations in residential sections, at the time of the hearing on the proposed gasoline filling station on Dedham Avenue. This permit the Board of Selectmen granted in face of the opposition of the Planning Board and the opposition of a large number of citizens residing in this section where the proposed gasoline filling station was to be.

This at once emphasized the importance of the town adopting a proper zoning ordinance which would protect all property owners in the future development of their property and protect sections already developed, because of the location of detrimental industries or buildings in their sections. Initially it appeared as though the Planning Board could formulate a complete zoning plan together with the necessary zoning ordinance. But the further the study of this question developed, the more its great importance became apparent and the more obvious it became that this work should be carried on with the assistance of a proper zoning expert, whose experience in other communities could be applied to the problem arising in Needham.



In order to properly zone the community the interest of all present property owners, whether residences, stores, factories or coal yards, would have to be considered with great care as all of the activities of the communities have to be considered, and their greater development and usefulness encouraged. At the same time the zoning must protect higher class sections from invasion of lower class institutions. For example, it is not desirable to have a fruit stand located on Fair Oaks Park, neither would it be desirable to create a manufacturing zone so closely around the Carter factory as to limit their growth.

Zones can only be determined after the most careful and prolong study, so the Planning Board has submitted an article to the Town Warrant in order that they may have an appropriation for expert advise in the matter of zoning, together with an appropriation to prepare an adequate map.

Many other points have been considered pertaining to proposed new streets, on which the Board of Survey have had the Planning Board report, and other matters which may be regarded more or less in the light of ordinary work.

Perhaps the most interesting was a set of twenty-six questions sent out by the Division of Metropolitan Planning, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This was a recently created General Planning Board to cover the Metropolitan District to a distance of fifteen miles from the State House, and which therefore includes the town of Needham. This presented an opportunity of making specific recommendations on future through traffic ways effecting the town of Needham.

We cannot include in this report all the details of the twenty-six questions and answers to which we devoted five meetings, but the outstanding recommendation which we made and which we hope to see eventually accepted, was a through boulevard connecting Needham directly with Boston. This is to be a wide and beautiful boulevard with roadways for both pleasure and traffic vehicles and bordered with trees and grass plots.

ARTHUR ROHN,  
ERNEST B. ALLEN,  
FREDERICK S. KINGSBURY,  
GORDON W. HERDMAN,  
FRED A. NORCROSS.

## LIST OF JURORS

Sampson Hammersley	Shipper	15 Avery Street
Elmer I. Gorse	Knitter	19 Avery Street
George B. Jones	Machinist	25 Avery Street
Christian H. Hansen	Leather dealer	24 Bradford Street
Jervis E. Horr	Poultry	25 Bradford Street
Harold E. Stanwood	Bookkeeper	30 Bradford Street
Harry M. Lyman	Manager	34 Bradford Street
Edward F. Howe	Music dealer	43 Bradford Street
Frank C. Sanders	Superintendent	55 Bradford Street
Stanley M. Hollis	Insurance	3 Brookline Street
Augustus S. Hutchinson	Agent	7 Brookline Street
William D. Powell	Mill hand	Brookline Street
Coria E. Stata	Builder	33 Central Avenue
Francis A. Perry	Bookkeeper	312 Central Avenue
Edward J. Foster	Clerk	328 Central Avenue
Harry McMath	Garage keeper	395 Central Avenue
Harry Johnson	Machinist	415 Central Avenue
Albert E. Collishaw	Machinist	489 Central Avenue
William F. Alden	Foreman	598 Central Avenue
Boylston L. Williams	Farmer	Central Avenue
George D. Martin	Machinist	Central Avenue
Avard R. Belyea	Insurance Adj.	Charles River Street
Reginald C. Foster	Manager	Charles River Street
Austin Potter	Farmer	Charles River Street
F. Murry Forbes	Real estate	Charles River Street
Charles P. Cobb	Machinist	31 Chestnut Street
Everett F. Poland	Superintendent	68 Chestnut Street
John F. Durbin	Clerk	85 Chestnut Street
Winthrop M. Chapman	Inventor	100 Chestnut Street
Arthur R. Hanks	Machinist	131 Chestnut Street
Frank I. Sewall	Inst. maker	170 Chestnut Street
Stephen W. Smith	Salesman	Chestnut Street
John Austin Amory	Cotton broker	Chestnut Street
Robert H. Anthony	Salesman	Cleveland Road
Wallace G. Rae	Superintendent	3 Cottage Avenue
Harry J. Teeling	Knitter	5 Cottage Avenue
Julius F. Haller	Insurance	Coulton Park
John E. Brundrett	Overseer	44 Crescent Road
Charles E. Spicer	Mill hand	Dale Street
Frederick W. Hammersley	Machinist	Dale Street
S. Frank Quinlan	Machinist	59 Dale Street
Samuel Willgoose	Machinist	Dana Place
F. Ernest Thorpe	Real estate	19 Dedham Avenue
Lemont D. Litchfield	Architect	35 Dedham Avenue
Owen A. Thomas	Salesman	36 Dedham Avenue
Samuel F. Cohoon	Carpenter	Dedham Avenue
Robert H. Storer	Clerk	2 Fair Oaks Park
Harrie I. Brett	Banker	73 Fair Oaks Park
Louis Zepfler	Coal dealer	115 Fair Oaks Park
Louis H. Zepfler	Chemist	115 Fair Oaks Park
Edward G. Herdman	Stained glass	131 Fair Oaks Park
Kenneth S. Herdman	Designer	131 Fair Oaks Park
Walter F. Snow	Bank manager	19 Gage Street
Fred M. Gegenheimer	Mechanical eng.	Gage Street



John A. Salman	Manufacturer	Glenwood Road
G. Waldo Crawley	Salesman	May Street
John S. Chandler	Express bus.	711 Great Plain Avenue
Charles E. Johnson	Salesman	1113 Great Plain Avenue
Edgar S. Stanley	Bookkeeper	67 Greendale Avenue
Kenneth M. Childs	Engineer	Greenwood Avenue
John H. Beless	Foreman	42 High Street
Harley E. Crisp	Clerk	Highland Avenue
Arthur J. Littlehale	Knitter	164 Hunnewell Street
Stuart L. Blake	Engineer	38 Kimball Street
Waldo H. Rice	Engineer	15 Kingsbury Street
Harry H. Bruns	Clerk	61 Kingsbury Street
Walter L. Libby	Tile layer	90 Kingsbury Street
Harold A. Smith	Manager	59 Manning Street
Ray C. Hall	Manager	162 Hunnewell Street
Carleton G. McIntosh	Merchant	Marked Tree Road
Harry L. Dodge	Carpenter	27 Maple Street
Robert B. Hill	Publisher	11 May Street
John D. Talmadge	Retired	Melrose Avenue
Leon I. Wood	Clerk	66 Powers Street
I. Tucker Burr, Jr.	Clerk	South Street
Clarence M. Parry	Architect	Stevens Road
Thomas J. Crossman, Jr.	Clerk	Maple Street
Stanley O. Bezanson	Salesman	167 Warren Street
Robert Fockens	Architect	251 West Street
Sam Low	Contractor	Manson Road
Robert C. Reece	Accountant	640 Webster Street
Robert N. Gilbert	Salesman	721 Webster Street
Otis W. Amsden	Truckman	203 Warren Street
Arthur C. Wickson	Teamster	South Street
Bernhardt Richwagen	Florist	1 Rosemary Street
Edward J. Eichler	Salesman	53 Powers Street
Robert L. Gooding	Chauffeur	Powers Street
George A. Young	Clerk	50 Mayo Avenue

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham:

We are glad to be able this year to ask for an appropriation less by \$1,000 than in 1923. We should have been enabled to ask for an even greater reduction had it not been for the desertion of heads of families whose whereabouts we have been unable to trace.

One cause of the decrease in aid given is the fact that the Influenza epidemic left numerous widows with dependent children and those children have now reached an age when many of them can contribute to the support of their families.

It is to be hoped the Town will study with care the statistical report of our agent, Mr. F. J. Stanwood.

EVAN C. THORPE,  
ALFRED T. BAKER,  
SUSAN W. FISKE,

Overseers of the Poor.

## RECORD OF CASES FOR YEAR 1923

No. of Case	Personnel	Duration of Aid	Type of Aid	Amount
466	Family of 3	12 mos.	Cash	\$520 00
418	One minor	1 mo.	Hospital	68 57
408	Family of 4	12 mos.	Cash	404 86
420	Family of 7	12 mos.	Cash	936 00
343	One adult	12 mos.	Cash, rent, fuel, med.	265 98
410	Family of 4	8 mos.	Cash	104 00
264	Family of 2	12 mos.	Cash	260 00
477	One adult	12 mos.	Cash, medical aid	384 00
444	Family of 3	12 mos.	Board	625 68
421	Family of 3	12 mos.	Cash, fuel	703 90
463	Family of 2	31 wks.	Cash	155 00
431	Family of 3	12 mos.	Cash, fuel	679 50
422	Family of 4	12 mos.	Cash, medical aid	626 00
201	Family of 5	11 wks.	Cash, food	140 90
455	Family of 6	4 mos.	Cash	192 00
479	Family of 4	12 mos.	Cash	624 00
471	Family of 2	4 mos., 2wks.	Cash, fuel	196 00
483	One adult	16 days	Hospital	36 57
195	Family of 5	9 mos., 1 wk.	Cash, rent, food, fuel, med. hospital, misc.	1,050 95
432	Family of 7	6 mos., 3 wks.	Cash, medical	509 00
472	Family of 7	12 mos.	Cash	936 00
480	One minor	4 4-7 wks.	Hospital	133 12
198	One adult	12 mos.	Hospital, misc.	620 41
404	Family of 4	12 mos.	Cash, hospital, fuel	821 00
457	Family of 6	12 mos.	Cash, rent	809 00
120	One adult	12 mos.	Board	260 02
335	Family of 2	12 mos.	Board	208 53
481	Family of 2	12 mos.	Rent, fuel	286 60
482	One adult	2 mos.	Cash	93 00
59	One adult	12 mos.	Board	208 53
484	One adult		Burial	25 00
464	Family of 6	12 mos.	Cash, rent, fuel, med.	1,093 50
448	One adult	12 mos.	Cash, fuel	198 50
Total Aid Rendered .....				\$14,176 12
Miscellaneous .....				57 49
Salary of Agent .....				300 00
Total Expenditures .....				\$14,533 61
Reimbursements during 1923 .....				4,602 02
Net Expenditures .....				<u>\$9,931 59</u>

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

1923 Expenditures .	\$14,333 38	1923 Appropriation	\$16,000 00
Balance Unexpended	1,666 62		
	<u>\$16,000 00</u>		<u>\$16,000 00</u>

Deficiency Expenditure .....	\$200 23	1923 Deficiency Appropriation .....	\$1,770 00
Balance Unexpended	1,569 77		
	<u>\$1,770 00</u>		<u>\$1,770 00</u>
Expended from 1923 Appropriation .....			\$14,333 38
Expended from 1922 Deficiency Appropriation .....			200 23
Total Expenditure of Poor Department for Year 1923 ..			<u>\$14,533 61</u>

# COMPARATIVE CLASSIFICATION OF AID RENDERED

	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Board .....	\$1,506 76	\$2,079 13	\$1,524 75	\$839 18	\$669 87	\$1,250 61	\$2,001 19	\$1,612 57	\$2,465 63	\$1,302 76
Rent .....	899 67	950 00	946 00	1,024 00	1,030 00	1,124 00	779 00	605 00	802 00	930 00
Food .....	1,388 34	1,373 84	1,298 94	1,695 12	1,889 40	2,548 17	776 81	142 67	172 98	316 85
Fuel .....	291 61	324 23	317 93	307 30	297 80	391 15	367 95	299 05	355 03	371 48
Medicine and med. aid	531 90	371 18	265 16	76 70	74 27	56 05	41 84	115 71	263 71	200 50
Agent's salary .....	180 00	180 00	180 00	180 00	180 00	240 00	240 00	290 00	300 00	300 00
Misc. and dept. exp.	96 75	123 46	181 33	191 26	294 79	154 98	90 76	451 73	172 97	74 87
Hospital .....	601 67	670 36	370 52	915 49	995 71	1,244 86	623 39	832 44	330 35	1,051 79
Burials .....	.....	187 96	53 00	30 00	196 50	.....	42 00	146 00	271 00	25 00
Cash disbursements	867 70	728 52	852 20	1,467 18	1,736 90	3,780 32	7,103 57	12,978 13	12,519 56	9,960 36
Gross expenditure ..	\$6,364 40	\$6,988 68	\$5,989 83	\$6,726 23	\$7,365 24	\$10,790 14	\$12,066 51	\$17,473 30	\$17,653 23	\$14,533 61
Reimbursements ...	851 95	1,401 23	876 25	1,134 37	576 55	1,117 81	1,856 47	4,164 42	11,059 59	4,602 02
Net expenditure ...	\$5,512 45	\$5,587 45	\$5,113 58	\$5,591 86	\$6,788 69	\$9,672 33	\$10,210 04	\$13,308 88	\$6,593 64	\$9,931 59

# COMPARATIVE COSTS OF AID RENDERED

	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Hospital and Infirmary per person, per day .....	\$1 12	\$1 12	\$0 56	\$0 86	\$0 86	\$1 88	\$1 79	\$2 11	\$2 58	\$2 07
Temporary aid, including M. A. per case, per day ..	33	42	63	74	96	1 18	1 44	1 78	1 70	1 70
Boarded or fully supported per person per week ..	4 14	3 97	3 69	4 39	4 62	3 99	3 44	3 43	5 00	3 58
Number of cases aided .....	46	68	43	36	37	46	36	45	41	33
Number of persons aided .....	136	155	107	89	109	143	128	165	137	101
Mothers' Aid cases, per person, per week .....	.....	.....	77	85	.....	2 46	2 89	2 92	3 12	2 80
Cost per inhabitant based at 6,600 population .....	93	89	.....	.....	1 03	1 47	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cost per inhabitant based at 7,000 population .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 45	1 90	94	1 42

NOTE: Average cost per inhabitant for year 1922, as shown above is ninety-four cents. This seeming reduction over previous years is accounted for in the fact that the reimbursements in 1922, were for aid rendered in year 1921, and prior. In order to judge the average cost per inhabitant, we suggest that 1921 and 1922, be averaged, which shows a cost of \$1.42 for years 1921 and 1922.



## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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January 28, 1924.

The Trustees have to report that the library circulated fifty-one thousand one hundred and twenty-three (51,123) books in the year 1923. For years we have aspired to reach fifty thousand, and have repeatedly just fallen short of that number. The Trustees feel that it has been a good year in the history of the library, and that Miss Tracy has been devoted to the interests of the community, and has rendered most efficient service. Everything is kept right up to date; a combination of literary proficiency and business ability.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees  
GEORGE K. CLARKE,  
Chairman.

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### NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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#### Statistics

Days library was open.....	300
Total circulation.....	51,123
Average daily circulation.....	170
Largest daily circulation....Feb. 17th.....	344
Smallest daily circulation....Jan. 8th.....	41
Number of names registered Jan.—Dec. 1923 in- clusive .....	700

#### Accessions

Added by purchase.....	550
Added by gift.....	208
Added by binding.....	10
Added by State.....	4
Added by Town.....	1
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Total gain.....	773
Withdrawn .....	384
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Net gain.....	389

#### Circulation

Total circulation of books for home use.....	51,123
Increase from circulation of 1922.....	1,782
Total circulation of magazines for home use.....	3,736
Total circulation from Juvenile department.....	12,802

**Circulation from Main Library by Classes**

General works.....	252
Philosophy .....	182
Religion .....	158
Sociology .....	1,292
Language .....	349
Science .....	590
Useful Arts .....	803
Fine Arts .....	633
Literature .....	1,731
History .....	2,047
Travel .....	187
Biography .....	1,326
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Total non-fiction .....	9,550
Fiction .....	32,244
Magazines .....	3,160
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Total .....	44,954
Increase from 1922 .....	1,359

**Circulation from Needhamdale Deposit Station**

Fiction .....	4,169
Non-fiction .....	284
Magazines .....	576
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Total circulation .....	5,029
Decrease from 1922 .....	137

**Circulation from Eliot School**

Total circulation .....	1,140
Increase from 1922 .....	560

The library has received, during the year, generous gifts of books from Dr. A. H. Keyes, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Wells, Rev. Ben F. Allen and others; also several pamphlets from Mr. Charles Dana Burrage and Mr. George K. Clarke.

The Boston Public Library, through the Inter Library Loan, has rendered valuable assistance by supply material which was needed for advanced work.

The co-operation and support given by the Trustees has been appreciated by the library staff.

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TOWN OF NEEDHAM

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

WATER COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE YEAR 1923



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## ORGANIZATION OF WATER DEPARTMENT

### Commissioners

	Term Expires
PHILIP A. RAND, <i>Chairman</i> . . . . .	1926
CHARLES W. JONES, <i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	1925
HENRY THOMAS . . . . .	1924

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### Clerk and Superintendent

GEORGE A. ADAMS

### Engineer at Pumping Station

CHARLES H. MITCHELL

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### Regular Meeting of the Board

Second Tuesday of each month, at 7.30 p.m.

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### Telephones

Needham 300, Superintendent's residence  
Needham 671-J, Assistant Superintendent's residence  
Needham 230-W, Commissioner's office  
Needham 186-R, Pumping Station

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## NEEDHAM WATER COMMISSIONERS

### Date of Election and Length of Service

John Moseley . . . . .	1890-1893
James Mackintosh . . . . .	1890-1896
John M. Hodge . . . . .	1890-1900
George A. Adams . . . . .	1893-1896
Edmund G. Pond . . . . .	1896-1902
Edmund G. Pond . . . . .	1904-1919
Frederic G. Tuttle . . . . .	1896-1903
George H. Toone . . . . .	1900-1912
William Carter . . . . .	1902-1918
Albert E. Collishaw . . . . .	1912-1919
Walter K. Queen . . . . .	1918-1918
Philip A. Rand . . . . .	1918-(now in office)
Henry Thomas . . . . .	1919-(now in office)
Charles W. Jones . . . . .	1919-(now in office)

# REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, Massachusetts:

The Water Commissioners herewith submit their thirty-fourth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1923.

At the annual town meeting in March, Mr. Philip A. Rand was re-elected Water Commissioner for a term of three years.

The board organized by electing Mr. Philip A. Rand, chairman; Charles W. Jones, secretary; and appointing George A. Adams, clerk and superintendent.

## Extension of Mains

The following extensions have been made in 1923.

Avery Street — A six-inch main from the 1916 extension to the house of Harold Warren.

Chestnut Street — A six-inch main from the 1891 extension to the house of Roby S. Thomas.

Prince Street — A six-inch main from Great Plain Avenue southerly.

Chestnut Street — To Marsilli garage. Fire service.

Hillside Avenue — Fire service to Q. P. Signal Co.

Webster Street — Fire service to Nehoiden Knitting Co.

Extension of pipe smaller than four-inch have been laid in the following streets:

Brookline 2,226.0 feet, Carey Place 189.2 feet, Ellicott 376.4 feet, Gibson 270.5 feet, Holland 273.4 feet, Holland Terrace 216.6 feet, Mt. Vernon 187.5 feet, Page Road 267.3 feet, Page Terrace 296.8 feet, Riverside 124.5 feet, Thorpe Terrace 112.7 feet.

The total cost of the fire services and the extension in Brookline Street, Page Terrace, Riverside Street, and Thorpe Terrace were borne by the owners, the remaining extensions were made under a six per cent, ten year guarantee.

## Water Supply

"The very dry season," that has been mentioned in our previous reports arrived in the last of September, without any warning whatever.



The water in the wells dropped down in record time and we were forced to purchase and install a temporary plant to pump the water from the test wells, that were driven in 1914 to well No. 2. This pump was run at its maximum capacity night and day, from October 6th, to December 4th, and pumped approximately six million gallons of water.

This additional supply was just enough to meet the daily requirements, but when the wells were at their lowest point, the surface condenser of the Laidlaw-Dunn-Gordon pump leaked so badly, it was necessary to shut down for one day, and have it repaired; this caused us to lose that day's pumping, and to be on the side of safety, we applied to the Town of Wellesley for water to supply a small portion of the town until the water in the standpipes got back to its normal condition. This request Wellesley gladly granted, and furnished approximately 700,000 gallons of water.

The "Colburn House" that was near these driven wells, has been moved to Dedham Avenue, near the Pumping Station, and will be put in condition, to be occupied by the Chief Engineer, in the spring.

We can now drive additional wells, and get an electric auxiliary pumping unit and pump directly into the distributing system. This pump can be used in case of any trouble with the present pumping plant, or during the period of low water. This plan will be thoroughly tested as to quality of water and feasibility, before we make it a part of the pumping system, and if it does not prove advisable, we will drive test wells in another locality.

Whatever plan is adopted, it will be necessary to ask the town for an appropriation, or issue of bonds, for the same, and an article will be in the warrant at the annual town meeting.

### **Hydrants**

The hydrants have had their customary inspection and repaired when found necessary, to put them in first-class working order.

### **Water Rates**

As amended by vote of the town in 1910, and the Board of Water Commissioners in 1920.

The minimum advance water rate on each service shall be \$6 per annum, from April 15 to April 15, and pays for 2,222 cubic feet of water if used between these dates.

Water used in excess of 2,222 cubic feet, and under

202,222 cubic feet will be charged at the rate of nineteen cents per 100 cubic feet.

Water used in excess of 202,222 cubic feet will be charged at the rate of eleven cents per 100 cubic feet.

Meter rental, one dollar per annum, payable in advance.

Bills for the minimum advance water rate of six dollars, and meter rental of one dollar, shall be rendered April 15, and will include the charges for excess water for the year ending on that date, except if the water used between April 15, and October 15, in the same year exceeds 2,222 cubic feet, a bill for such excess shall be rendered and payable October 15, or, if the meter readings indicate that a large amount of water is being used on any service, the bills shall be rendered and payable monthly.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., valves .....	\$30 60
A. W. Chesterton Co., supplies for station .....	37 10
Edson Pump Corp., pump and supplies .....	551 34
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., pig lead and pipe .	139 09
Town of Wellesley, water .....	102 67
Jenney Mfg. Co., gasoline and oil .....	385 33
T. J. Crossman Co., supplies .....	64 80
Modern Garage, supplies and repairing .....	23 35
Adams Bros., tires, tubes and supplies .....	231 48
T. F. Kennedy, rubber boots .....	23 75
Needham Garage, supplies and repairing .....	128 66
Henry Thomas Co., pipe and fittings .....	98 54
Needham Hardware Co., supplies .....	50 10
C. E. Foss, cash paid for express .....	7 98
George W. Southworth, printing and office supplies .....	93 40
Needham Post-office, stamps .....	77 00
H. S. Locke & Son Co., lumber and cement ....	15 08
Alger E. Eaton, teaming .....	66 50
Adams, Cushing, & Foster, books .....	15 48
Henshaw Motor Co., repairing .....	52 60
Leon Forand, fuse plugs .....	56
Lawson's Express, expressing .....	70
Suburban Hardware Co., supplies .....	7 60
Charles W. Childs, supplies .....	1 20
Stephen Roklan, sharpening tools .....	3 90
H. N. Mitchell, insurance .....	379 48

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*Carried forward* ..... \$2,588 29

<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$2,588 29
Harold D. Toone, labor .....	2 70
John Gegenheimer, pipe and fittings .....	10 29
George W. Knowlton, packing .....	22 23
Fred E. Cookson, refund .....	10 00
C. E. Evens Estate, refund .....	10 00
Canton Publishing Co., reports .....	13 50
MacGregor Inst. Co., brass tubing .....	75
National Meter Co., repairing meters .....	34 43
Neptune Meter Co., meter parts .....	316 20
Neptune Meter Co., repairing .....	23 62
Thomson Meter Co., repairing meters .....	15 40
Hersey Mfg. Co., meter parts .....	319 70
Hersey Mfg. Co., repairing meters .....	88 42
Hersey Mfg. Co., new meters .....	1,155 00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone service .....	111 05
Edison E. I. Co., current for station .....	54 84
A. M. Byers Co., pipe .....	244 17
Waldo Bros & Bond Co., tools .....	25 27
Walworth Mfg. Co., valve boxes and fittings ..	148 02
Sumner & Dunbar, service stock .....	1,137 38
Valvoline Oil Co., oil .....	243 73
The Bond Co., tools and jute .....	27 00
George A. Adams, cash paid for supplies .....	8 97
Watson-Hallett Co., paint .....	4 73
Hodge Boiler Works, boiler gaskets .....	9 00
Herrick Co., pig lead .....	69 90
Builders Iron Foundry, special castings .....	158 78
Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., valves and hydrant parts .....	211 54
Bay State Belting Co., cotton waste .....	36 82
W. H. Gallison Co., pipe .....	485 82
Boston Coupling Co., parts for tapping machine ..	13 05
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight .....	125 55
Warren Foundry & Machine Co., cast iron pipe ..	1,170 01
Resisto Pipe & Valve Co., lead lined pipe .....	171 65
Registry of Motor Vehicles, registration .....	12 00
Highland Coal Co., 99 170-2,000 tons coal at \$11.50 at station .....	1,139 48
Highland Coal Co., 51 1700-2,000 tons coal at \$9.50 at station .....	492 58
Highland Coal Co., 155 100-2,000 tons coal at \$8.20 at station .....	1,274 69
<i>Carried forward</i> .....	<u>\$11,986 56</u>

<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$11,986 56
Jenkins Bros., valves .....	13 42
Vola Trading Corp., transmitophone .....	10 00
Jepsco Mfg. Co., hacksaws and leather .....	9 15
Lead Lined Iron Pipe Co., lead lined pipe .....	2,145 49
Worthington Pump Co., labor on condenser ...	21 00
Lorenz Savignano, account of cellar contract and trenching .....	915 16
John Cavanagh & Son, account of contract moving building .....	700 00
George A. Adams, superintendent .....	2,335 20
Charles H. Mitchell, engineer .....	1,890 40
R. S. Adams, assistant superintendent.....	1,751 40
George G. Mitchell, assistant engineer.....	1,751 40
John H. Wallace, foreman .....	1,501 20
Philip Castanza, labor .....	1,233 36
Frank Lovecheo, labor .....	954 57
Angelo Lazio, labor .....	298 70
Peter Tetracina, labor .....	69 74
George Alaimo, labor .....	62 50
Joe Gilvano, labor .....	55 00
Jimmie Fardo, labor .....	42 00
Mario Pandolf, labor .....	5 25
W. H. Wight, Jr., running auxiliary pump ....	132 00
Edson M. Williams, running auxiliary pump ...	10 50
Lorenz Savignano, labor .....	20 80
Harold Orcutt, labor .....	54 00
George W. Frye, labor .....	8 80
S. Mabel MacKenzie, clerk accountant's office..	626 67
Esther Larkin, labor accountant's office.....	44 63
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	\$28,648 90
Interest on bonds, .....	5,560 00
Interest on loans .....	148 94
Refund on overpayments .....	17 38
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	\$34,375 22

### Bonds

Bonds to the amount of ten thousand dollars have matured and been paid during the year.

**Outstanding Bonds**

1924.....	\$9,000
1925.....	9,000
1926.....	10,000
1927.....	10,000
1928.....	10,000
1929.....	10,000
1930.....	11,000
1931.....	8,000
1932.....	8,000
1933.....	9,000
1934.....	7,000
1935.....	7,000
1936.....	7,000
1937.....	7,000
1938.....	1,000
1939.....	1,000
1940.....	1,000
1941.....	1,000
1942.....	1,000
1943.....	1,000
1944.....	1,000
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Total outstanding bonds.....	\$129,000 00
Total bonds matured and paid .....	201,000 00
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Total authorization and issued .....	\$330,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP A. RAND,  
 CHARLES W. JONES,  
 HENRY THOMAS,  
 Water Commissioners.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

To the Honorable Board of Water Commissioners:

Gentlemen: I present herewith the report of this department for the year ending December 31, 1923.

**Summary of Receipts**

Cash in treasury, January 1, 1923		\$2,442 53
Water rates .....	\$27,340 71	
Meter rentals .....	1,743 33	
Repairs .....	463 16	
Rent of buildings .....	144 00	
Sale of grass .....	10 00	
Sale of cinders .....	14 00	
Interest on bank balance .....	41 64	
	<hr/>	\$29,756 84
Extension of service .....	\$2,913 13	
Sale of old iron .....	83 13	
	<hr/>	\$2,996 26
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		\$35,195 63

**Summary of Expenditures**

Extension of mains .....	\$2,527 88	
Extension of services .....	6,158 60	
Purchase of meters .....	1,155 00	
Increasing and protecting water supply .....	2,256 48	
	<hr/>	\$12,097 96
Coal .....	\$2,938 49	
Engineers .....	3,641 80	
Labor on station and grounds ....	102 41	
Telephone service .....	15 44	
Lighting station .....	54 84	
Supplies for station .....	436 29	
	<hr/>	7,189 27
Office and meter reading .....	\$773 13	
Telephone service .....	95 61	
Printing, stationery and postage ..	199 38	
Accountant's department salary ..	671 30	
Salaries .....	2,335 20	
Liability insurance .....	379 48	
Renewal, repairing, parts and care of meters .....	1,162 80	
Labor and material on leaks .....	409 34	
Town of Wellesley .....	102 67	
Labor, supplies and general repairing .....	3,232 76	
	<hr/>	9,361 67
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<i>Carried forward</i> .....		\$28,648 90



<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$28,648 90
Interest on bonds .....	5,560 00
Interest on loans .....	148 94
Refund on overpayments .....	17 38
Cash in treasury, December 31, 1923.....	820 41
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	\$35,195 63

## MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

### Receipts

Balance January 1, 1923.....	\$2,442 53
Rates, rentals, etc. ....	29,756 84
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	\$32,199 37

### Expenditures

Orders drawn .....	\$16,550 94
Interest on bonds, loans, etc. ....	5,726 32
Transferred to construction account .....	9,101 70
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	31,378 96
Cash balance.....	820 41
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	\$32,199 37

### Assets

Cash balance.....	\$820 41
Amounts due from all sources less abatements:	
Water rates ..\$1,546 74 less \$334 35	\$1,212 39
Meter rentals 54 03 less 1 00	53 03
Repairs .....	67 74
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	\$1,333 16
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	\$2,153 57

## CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

### Receipts

Extension of services, etc. ....	\$2,996 26
Transferred from earnings of department .....	9,101 70
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	\$12,097 96

**Expenditures**

Orders drawn ..... \$12,097 96

**Assets**

Amount due this account ..... \$95 80

Amount transferred from earnings of department  
for construction to December 31, 1923 ..... \$52,403 71

**Cost of Works**

Cost of works as reported December 31, 1922 .. 394,250 48

Expended in 1923 ..... 12,002 16

**\$406,252 64**

**WATER PUMPED IN 1923****NO ALLOWANCE MADE FOR SLIP OF PUMP**

MONTHS	Gallons Pumped in 1923	Average Per Day in Each Month	Coal Con- sumed Includ- ing Heating Station and Banking Fires	Average Number Gallons Pumped Per Pound Coal
January .....	16,140,000	520,000	80,000	201.7
February .....	13,580,000	485,000	46,000	295.2
March .....	14,240,000	459,355	46,200	308.2
April .....	13,620,000	454,000	45,000	302.6
May .....	14,280,000	460,645	47,000	303.8
June .....	15,140,000	504,666	50,000	302.8
July .....	14,700,000	474,193	48,300	304.3
August .....	14,840,000	478,709	50,000	296.8
September .....	14,920,000	497,333	50,000	297.0
October .....	15,226,000	491,161	60,000	253.7
November .....	14,417,000	480,566	50,000	288.3
December .....	16,357,000	527,645	54,000	302.9
Totals .....	177,460,000	486,192	626,500	283.2

Largest week's pumping, December 10-16 ..... 4,004,000 gals.

Smallest week's pumping, July 25-31 ..... 3,000,000 gals.

Largest day's pumping, December 10 ..... 700,000 gals.

Smallest day's pumping, November 10 ..... 100,000 gals.

Purchased from Town of Wellesley ..... 700,000 gals.

Average coal per day ..... 1,716 lbs.

Water pumped since works were established December,  
1890:

Year	Gallons
1890.....	1,185,637
1891.....	9,278,008
1892.....	23,963,508

Year	Gallons
1893	34,744,726
1894	40,959,255
1895	50,771,384
1896	53,599,032
1897	65,949,410
1898	77,202,200
1899	81,799,375
1900	81,684,617
1901	84,306,557
1902	100,350,737
1903	107,580,370
1904	100,176,526
1905	103,487,396
1906	124,785,658
1907	115,107,418
1908	129,830,392
1909	122,375,400
1910	121,317,391
1911	112,630,728
1912	130,140,606
1913	125,732,521
1914	144,269,698
1915	147,910,000
1916	151,240,000
1917	138,240,000
1918	168,460,000
1919	144,440,000
1920	164,820,000
1921	158,080,000
1922	170,040,000
1923	177,460,000

### Annual Revenue

Revenue since works were established, excluding income received from the town for water for public purposes:

1890	\$505 99
1891	2,318 45
1892	3,125 99
1893	4,205 75
1894	5,096 07
1895	5,826 42
1896 (ten months)	5,362 11
1897	6,629 75
1898	6,808 11

1899	\$7,334 06
1900	7,857 09
1901	7,593 08
1902	7,890 28
1903	8,959 75
1904	9,156 81
1905	9,397 11
1906	12,285 20
1907	11,051 37
1908	12,391 19
1909	12,378 89
1910 (new rate, \$6.00 minimum)	10,995 10
1911	14,080 56
1912	14,461 30
1913	14,865 69
1914	17,419 34
1915	18,907 14
1916	21,395 40
1917	21,977 69
1918	22,336 06
1919	25,094 02
1920	25,258 86
1921	24,892 89
1922	25,682 80
1923	28,859 42

### Meters

One hundred meters have been purchased during the year, two condemned and renewed, making one thousand nine hundred seventy-two. Consumers own two hundred eighty-seven and the department one thousand six hundred eighty-five.

### List of Meters

NAME AND SIZE	½ in.	⅝ in.	¾ in.	1 in.	1 ½ in.	2 ins.	Total
Buffalo						1	1
Crown		45	1				46
Empire					1		1
Hersey Rotary		102	1	5	3	1	112
Hersey Disc (F)		1,305	1	10	3	1	1,320
Lambert		38					38
Nash		40		1			41
Thomson "Bee"	1						1
Torrent					1	1	2
Trident		401	1	6			408
Worthington		2					2
Total	1	1,933	4	22	8	4	1,972

### Services

One hundred and sixteen services have been added during the year, making a total of two thousand and forty-seven.

Fifty-one are shut off temporarily, twenty-seven supply the public buildings, parks and fountains of the town.

The length of service pipe laid is 11,638.3 feet, added to the amount reported December 31, 1922, makes a total of 193,648.6 feet or 36.93 miles.

There are also twenty-six fire service mains.

### Extension of Main in 1923

STREETS	Location	6-in. Pipe	6-in. Gates	Hy- drants
Avery .....	from 1916 extension west ..	60.0		
Chestnut .....	from 1891 extension south ..	96.5		
Nehoiden Knitting Co.	fire service .....	400.0	2	1
Prince .....	from Great Plain Ave. south	529.5	1	1
Marsilli Garage .....	fire service .....	39.0	1	
Q. P. Signal Co. ....	fire service .....	154.3	2	
Hydrant connections .		7.3		
Totals .....		1,286.6	6	2





# LIST OF PIPES LAID TO DECEMBER 31, 1923

STREETS	DIAMETER AND LENGTH OF PIPE										GATES					Hydrants
	18 in.	16 in.	14 in.	12 in.	10 in.	8 in.	6 in.	4 in.	Total	16 in. in.	12 in. in.	10 in. in.	8 in. in.	6 in. in.	4 in. in.	
Alfreton Road								470.3	470.3						1	1
Avery							664.2		664.2					3		1
Avondale Road							235.5		235.5					1		1
Birds' Hill Avenue		1,033.5							1,033.5	1						2
Bradford									1,320.3					3		1
Brookline									1,301.5					2		2
Brookside Road								1,843.0	1,843.0					1	2	3
Carter							760.0		760.0							1
Carter Place							30.1	293.2	322.4						1	1
Caulton Park							463.0		463.0					1		1
Cedar Place								204.0	204.0						1	1
Cedar							75.0		75.0							...
Central Avenue						2,615.0			21,209.6				2	17		37
Chapel							368.8		368.8					1		1
Charles River						8,058.0			8,606.3				7	2		15
Chestnut Place							548.3	203.0	203.0						1	...
Chestnut									203.0					2		9
Chestnut Court						1,978.7			4,826.6					4		1
Crescent Road							37.0		37.0							3
Cross							1,230.0		1,230.0					4		...
Curve								364.0	364.0						1	1
Davenport Road							625.6	658.5	625.6					1		1
Dedham Avenue									6,182.7				1	5		8
Fair Oaks Park		67.4		23.5	5,686.5	405.3			2,070.4					4		3
Fair View Road							533.0		533.0						2	1
Fisher							932.2		1,217.2						1	3

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LIST OF PIPES LAID TO DECEMBER 31, 1923—Continued

STREETS	DIAMETER AND LENGTH OF PIPE								GATES						Hydrants	
	18 in.	16 in.	14 in.	12 in.	10 in.	8 in.	6 in.	4 in.	Total	16 in.	12 in.	10 in.	8 in.	6 in.		4 in.
<i>Brought forward</i>																
Manning		2,002.8		4,864.8	11,424.0	38,385.4	55,862.3	11,157.1	133,701.0	3	9	15	58	105	19	242
Maple							2,308.2		2,308.2					4		3
Maple Terrace							1,827.0		1,827.0					3		3
Marked Tree Road								410.0	410.0						1	
Marshall							2,412.5		2,412.5					3		4
May						1,510.5	437.5		437.5					1		
Mayo Avenue							1,066.1		1,066.1				4			1
Meadow Road							3,757.2		3,757.2					2		2
Mellen							370.0	367.7	737.7					3		6
Melrose Avenue							729.0		729.0						1	2
Mills Road							88.7	423.9	512.6					1		
Morton				2,216.0					2,216.0	3						1
Nehoiden						2,833.0	1,703.5		4,536.5				5	1		8
Norfolk							1,282.6		1,282.6					2		1
Oak							52.8	953.1	1,005.9						3	
Oakland Avenue							1,039.0		1,039.0					2		1
Overlook Road							468.0		468.0					2		1
Parish Road							624.0		624.0					2		2
Pickering							1,843.0		-1,843.0					2		3
Pine Grove							602.0		602.0					2		1
Pinewood Road							468.8		468.8					1		2
Pleasant							1,141.6		1,141.6					2		1
Prince							529.5		529.5					1		1
Reservoir							1,724.5		1,724.5					2		3
Rosemary							3,088.7		3,088.7				1		5	9



## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

### For the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Needham Water Department, Norfolk County, Mass.  
Population by census of 1920, 7,012.  
Date of construction, 1890. Owned by the Town of Needham.  
Source of supply, wells. Mode of supply, pumping to stand-pipes.

### Pumping

1. Builders of pumping machinery, the George F. Blake Mfg. Co., and the Laidlaw-Dunn-Gordon Co.
2. Description of fuel used:
  - (a) Bituminous coal, cost per net ton, \$9.49.
3. Coal consumed for the year, 626,500 pounds.
4. Total pumping for the year, 177,460,000 gallons, without allowance for slip of the pumps.
5. Average static head, 242 feet.
6. Average dynamic head, 277 feet.
7. Number of gallons pumped per pound of coal, 283.2.
8. Duty of Laidlaw-Dunn-Gordon Pump, 65,432,852 foot pounds.

Cost of pumping figured on pumping station expenses, viz.: \$7,189.27.
9. Per million gallons pumped, \$40.41.
10. Per million gallons raised one foot (dynamic) \$0.146.

Cost of pumping figures on total maintenance, including interest on bonds, viz.: \$22,277.26.
11. Per million gallons pumped, \$125.53.
12. Per million gallons raised one foot (dynamic) \$0.453.

### Consumption

1. Estimated population of the town, 7,900.
2. Estimated population on lines of pipe, 7,880.
3. Estimated population supplied, 7,880.
4. Total consumption, 178,160,000 gallons.
5. Average daily consumption, 488,109 gallons.
6. Gallons per day to each inhabitant, 61.7.
7. Gallons per day to each consumer, 61.9.
8. Gallons registered by meters, 89,255,625.
9. Water for public purposes not metered.

### Distribution Mains

1. Kind of pipe, cast iron.
2. Sizes, 4 to 18 inches.

3. Extended during the year, 693.3 feet.
4. Total now in use, 42.58 miles.
5. Number of hydrants added during the year, 2.
6. Number of hydrants now in use; public, 355; private, 26; total 381.
7. Number of stop gates added during the year, 6.
8. Number of stop gates now in use, 368.
9. Range of pressure on mains, 63 to 120 pounds.

### Services

10. Kind of pipe, cast, cement-lined, lead-lined, galvanized iron and lead.
11. Sizes  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch to 8 inches.
12. Extended during the year, 11,638.3 feet
13. Total now in use, 36.67 miles.
14. Number of services added during the year, 116.
15. Number now in use, 2,047.
16. Number used for public purposes, 27.
17. Number of meters now in the department, 1,972.
18. Percentage of services metered (domestic) 100.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. ADAMS,  
Superintendent.





TOWN OF NEEDHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR 1923



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## ORGANIZATION AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

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### School Committee

Arthur G. Johnson, Chairman, 143 Manning St.	(744-W)
Term Expires—1925	
Joseph Satterlee, 16 Mark Lee Rd., N. H.	(82-M)
Term Expires—1924	
Harold R. Waining, 12 Manson Rd., N. H.	(464-J)
Term Expires—1924	
Mrs. Mary C. Whitney, Noyes St.	(152-R)
Term Expires—1925	
Dr. J. Walter Schirmer, 865 Great Plain Ave.	(45)
Term Expires—1926	
Warren W. Loomis, 815 Webster St.	(724)
Term Expires—1926	

### Meetings

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the Monday preceding the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 o'clock in the School Committee rooms on Chapel Street.

### Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of the School Committee

John C. Davis

Office at 8 Chapel St. Hours 8 to 9 a. m. and 3:30 to 4:30.  
Telephone 10 Residence 69 Grant St. Telephone 323-R.

### Clerk

Gertrude E. Hamilton, Linden St. Tel. 737-W.

### School Physician

Dr. William Mitchell, 511 Highland Ave., N. H. Tel. 100  
Dr. C. L. MacGray, 1088 Great Plain Ave., Tel. 146

### School Nurse

Agnes I. McKenna Tel. 373-J.

### Attendance Officer

A. J. Mathey. Residence, 94 Warren St. Tel. 535-M.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR 1923-1924****High**

Fall term .....	Sept. 5 to Dec. 21	16 weeks
Winter term .....	Jan. 2 to Feb. 21	8 weeks
Spring term .....	Mar. 3 to Apr. 25	8 weeks
Summer term .....	May 5 to June 27	8 weeks
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**Elementary**

Fall term .....	Sept. 5 to Dec. 21	16 weeks
Winter term .....	Jan. 2 to Feb. 21	8 weeks
Spring term .....	Mar. 3 to Apr. 25	8 weeks
Summer term .....	May 5 to June 20	7 weeks
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No School days:	Oct. 12	Columbus Day.
	Oct. 19	County Teachers' Convention.
	Nov. 29	Thanksgiving
	Nov. 30	Friday after Thanksgiving.
	Feb. 22	Washington's Birthday.
	Apr. 18	Good Friday.
	May 30	Memorial Day.
	June 17	Bunker Hill Day.

**1924-1925**

Fall term, Sept. 3 to Dec. 19 ..... 16 weeks

No School Signal 22-22-22 at 7:30 A. M. and 11:45 A. M.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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To the Citizens of Needham:

When the school year of 1923—1924 opened our town faced a much more serious housing problem than the previous year as we again had an increase in our school population of over 100 pupils, making a total increase of 400 pupils in the last four years. The school committee had anticipated this situation, however, and when school opened there was a seat and desk for every pupil. The William Carter School, but two years in service, was filled to capacity. The Stephen Palmer was overflowing, with a morning and afternoon division in the Kindergarten. At the Kimball School the same condition prevailed. The High School starting its second year on the two session plan, was crowded beyond what seemed possible.

All the school buildings were found to be in very good condition as a great deal of painting and renovating had been done in practically every building in town. The most important piece of repair work was the building on, at an expense of \$7,500 of an addition at the rear of the Kimball School which provided entirely new sanitary arrangements for the whole school, accessible from the first and second floors, thus doing away with the unsatisfactory conditions which have existed in the basement and have been the cause of much criticism and complaints on the part of the parents.

The most important event of the year, as regards the school department, was the casting of the vote at the March town meeting to build a new high school entirely separate from the one we now have, and the appropriating of \$280,000 for this purpose. This building is now well along in its construction and is expected to be ready for the opening of schools in September, 1924.

The School Committee appreciate the courtesy shown them by the Special Building Committee during the planning and construction of this building and feel that the co-operation between these two committees has helped the

town in obtaining a high school of the best type of construction and thoroughly equipped with the most modern devices.

With the opening of the new building our crowded conditions will be greatly relieved as it will enable us to use the old high school building for the 7th and 8th grades, thus doing away at once with the use of the third floor of the Kimball building. The removing of the 7th and 8th grades from the Kimball school will be the beginning of a Junior High school system.

Under trying conditions our school work has progressed most satisfactorily. Credit for this is due to our having a very capable and devoted body of teachers as well as a most efficient superintendent. Mr. Davis has made his influence felt in many progressive measures and he has our hearty support in his plans for the future.

There are problems in connection with the Riverside school in North Needham which must be given our serious consideration very shortly. We would recommend the building of an underpass, such as we have already recommended, to the Eliot school. This underpass would reduce the number of pupils to be transported daily by motor bus.

We would also recommend, in view of the very rapid growth of our town, the purchase of the lot of land, known as the Fisher property, in the rear of the New Avery school, for future development in this part of the town. Other minor recommendations are outlined in the report of Superintendent Davis, which this committee recommends.

If the schools of Needham are to continue to broaden and prosper, it is necessary that the school committee receive in the future the same hearty support and co-operation that it has been our pleasure to enjoy during the last year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. JOHNSON,  
JOSEPH SATTERLEE,  
HAROLD R. WAINING,  
DR. J. WALTER SCHIRMER,  
WARREN W. LOOMIS,  
MARY C. WHITNEY.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Expenditures in 1923

## General Expenses

School Committee Salaries		
Other Expenses .....	\$1,390.90	
Supt. of Schools and Enforcement of Law .....	3,683.28	
Other Expenses .....	132.52	5,206.70

## Expenses of Instruction

Supervisors Salaries .....	3,190.00	
Other Expenses—Coach .....	500.00	
Principals, High .....	3,250.00	
Principals, Elementary .....	6,650.00	
Teachers, High .....	18,412.25	
Teachers, Elementary .....	60,429.12	92,431.37

Text Books, High .....	836.16	
Text Books, Elementary ....	1,116.33	
Supplies, High .....	1,097.57	
Supplies, Elementary .....	3,820.26	6,870.32

## Expenses of Operating School Plant

Wages of Janitor, High .....	1,136.98	
Wages of Janitor, Elementary .....	5,860.95	
Fuel, High .....	1,083.47	
Fuel, Elementary .....	7,131.18	
Miscellaneous, High .....	133.07	
Miscellaneous, Elementary ...	1,271.10	16,616.75

## Expenses of Maintenance of School Plant

Repairs, High .....	928.97	
Repairs, Elementary .....	5,147.96	6,076.93

## Auxiliary Agencies

Health .....	2,185.29	
Transportation .....	2,752.60	4,937.89

## Miscellaneous Expenses

Tuition .....	487.68	
Sundries .....	1,068.04	1,555.72

## Outlays

New Equipment .....	1,305.15	1,305.15
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*Carried forward* ..... \$135,000 83

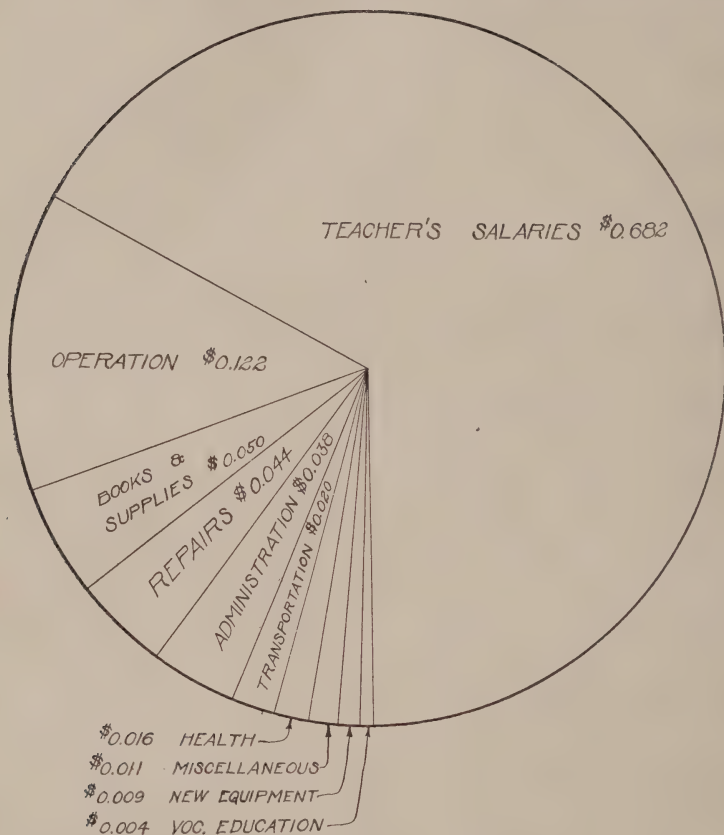
<i>Brought forward</i> .....		\$135,000	83
Other Payments			
Evening School .....	347.53		
Vocational Education .....	586.79	934.32	
			\$135,935.15
Receipts			
Americanization	\$ 123.25		
Vocational	260.75		
Vocational special.			
Smith-Hughes	15.18		
Tuition	75.00		
Miscellaneous	18.18		
Mass. School Fund	11,587.50	12,079.86	
Net Cost from Local Taxation		\$123,855.29	
Balance Unexpended .....	64.85	123,855.29	

There are no unpaid bills except the Electric Light and Telephone bills for December.

### Special Appropriation

Kimball School		
Appropriated .....	\$7,500.00	
Expended .....	7,497.28	
Balance unexpended .....	\$2.72	

## HOW THE SCHOOL DOLLAR WAS EXPENDED, 1923



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee:

I am submitting for your consideration my third annual report concerning the schools of Needham.

For several years it has seemed to be the most important duty of the school department to impress upon the citizens the immediate need of a new High School building. Now that the town has provided for this need and

the building is already under construction, it will be, perhaps, of more interest to look forward to the school organization of the near future than to dwell upon the need for additional accommodations, although those needs are, of course, still with us and will be with us until the new building is ready for occupancy.

It is my purpose in this report to furnish information to the citizens in more detail than they would otherwise obtain as to what the school department has been doing during the past year, and to outline for your consideration some policies for the future.

### Membership

The growth of the community is reflected in the attendance of our schools as will be shown by a glance at the membership table for the past five years. There is reason for satisfaction regarding the kind of growth that is taking place; for the families that are coming to Needham are sure to add materially to the success and prosperity of the community. The gain in membership continues to be approximately one hundred pupils per year. This means that about three rooms and three teachers must be added each year to take care of the additional pupils who are coming to our town. This growth in numbers, being nearly uniform, should be planned for in advance and seating accommodations and teaching service provided for these pupils on the first day of their arrival at school.

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
High	186	222	262	310	320
Kimball	244	307	321	320	352
Carter				286	
Avery	150	163	170	136	457
S. Palmer	390	370	343	377	428
Eliot	123	143	148	154	141
Dwight	68	74	71	76	74
Harris	52	47	58	72	56
Riverside	35	39	47	45	47
Parker			20	17	20
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When we consider that since 1919 we have absorbed four hundred pupils into the system and that the town has added less than one hundred to the seating capacity in the same period, it will be realized that the buildings

have reached the saturation point. We are getting along this year without purchasing portable buildings, and are conducting double sessions at the High School and Kindergartens only, but our school rooms in the Stephen Palmer and Kimball buildings are crowded to the limit of the seating capacity. This situation will be relieved when the new building is opened. The seventh and eighth grades at the Kimball School can then be transferred to the old High School building thereby allowing transfers from the Stephen Palmer to the Kimball building. The seventh and eighth grades will be near enough to the new High School so that they can have the use of the gymnasium and the special rooms without extra cost to the town.

The situation at the Riverside School remains the same, except that we have made the building as clean and presentable as possible with a liberal supply of paint; but the town should not longer allow present conditions to continue. I have recommended the transfer of the pupils of this school to the Eliot School, provided some way of crossing the railroad can be devised. Either this plan should be followed or a new building should be constructed in this neighborhood. The street on which this portable schoolhouse is located should be made a public street or the schoolhouse relocated on a street that has been accepted by the town. I am sure that a visit to this school and an examination of the building by any citizen, or committee of citizens, will convince them either that the transfer should be made or that a new elementary school should be constructed in this neighborhood.

### Teachers

The importance of securing only the best teachers cannot be overemphasized, for upon the teaching force more than upon anything else depends the character of our schools.

An adequate salary schedule goes a long way toward securing and retaining good teachers. There are other factors, however, which exert a strong influence. If the parents in a town show a willingness to co-operate sympathetically with the teachers in their school work, instead of hindering them by thoughtless criticism, and the teachers are able to find comfortable and pleasant places in which to live, that town will find it easier to retain good teachers.

Our salary schedule does not yet equal that of adjoining towns and cities, but there is plenty of evidence of the willingness of the people in general to work in sympathy with the teachers and assist them to secure the very best results for the children. We shall continue to be at a disadvantage, however, until our salary schedule equals that of adjoining towns and cities.

The efficiency of a teacher depends to some extent upon her attitude toward professional improvement. Twenty-three of our teachers took courses during last summer's vacation, and this year thirty per cent of our teaching force are taking professional work which is closely connected with the teacher's every day problems.

We have been fortunate in that we were obliged to secure but six new teachers last summer and two of these were additions to the force. General teachers' meetings are held occasionally and principals' meetings are held more frequently when courses of study are considered, text books examined, and other matters of interest discussed. The following table shows the changes made during the calendar year 1923:

## RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

### Resignations

Jan. 1, 1923—Jan. 1, 1924

School	Name	Date
High	Pauline Steward	June 1923
Kimball	Jessie B. Sanborn	Jan. 1923
Kimball	Mary S. Keller	June 1923
Wm. Carter	Ethel N. Mitchell	June 1923
Wm. Carter	Margaret E. Ripley	June 1923
Stephen Palmer	Ethel M. Soule	June 1923

### Appointments

School	Name	Educated
High	Julia M. Annis	Sept. 1923 Rochester Bus. Normal
High	Grace Nugent	Sept. 1923 Boston University
Kimball	Arline N. Holman	Sept. 1923 Framingham Normal
Kimball	Julia M. Cauty	Sept. 1923 Lowell Normal
Kimball	Kathleen M. Farrell	Feb. 1923 Truro (N.S.) Normal
Wm. Carter	Frances E. Powell	Sept. 1923 Bridgewater Normal
Wm. Carter	Angie E. Otto	Sept. 1923 Salem Normal
Stephen Palmer	Alice N. Jameson	Sept. 1923 Framingham Normal

### Transfers

Gladys I. Umlah Sept. 1923 From Kimball to Wm. Carter



### Junior High School

It is perhaps time that Needham seriously considered the matter of a Junior High School. While the work of the seventh and eighth grades is conducted departmentally in both the Kimball and William Carter schools, the number of pupils and rooms in these grades is such that a Junior High School should comprise all the seventh and eighth grades from both ends of the town. This is not possible under present conditions, but I would advise that just so fast as the upper grades are crowded out of the Wm. Carter school, they be housed with the Kimball pupils. This will mean that Needham's Junior High School of the future will cost no more for buildings than any other organization. When the town becomes large enough it will perhaps be advisable to have two Junior High Schools, one at each end of the town; but for the present there should be but one Junior High School and that conducted in connection with the Senior High School, to avoid duplicating expensive equipment.

"The Junior High School" was the subject of an address recently delivered at a meeting of the Parent-Teacher organization by Supt. Oscar H. Gallagher of Brookline, and a synopsis of his address has been printed in the local papers; so perhaps but little space should be used to discuss it in this report. The Junior High School is really an intermediate school between the elementary school of six grades and the three year senior high school. It does not mean a slighting of the essential work of the seventh and eighth grades but a gradual introduction of departmental work giving some choice of subjects and helping the pupil to discover his abilities and chief interests. Such a school would, in my opinion, be of great advantage to our pupils and I hope that our plans for the future will be made looking toward the establishment of a Junior High School in Needham.

### Repairs

In addition to the long list of minor repairs necessary each year to keep our buildings from deterioration the following list of much needed work has been completed.

High School.—Corridors and ceilings retinted. Wood-work varnished.

Kimball School.—Ceilings and walls of corridors retinted. New toilet rooms added.

Dwight School.—New concrete steps, walks relaid, tarred and rolled. Electric lights installed on upper floor.

Harris School.—Ceilings whitened, walls retinted, woodwork painted, throughout.

Eliot School.—Electric lights in two rooms west side of building.

In 1924, there are two buildings that need painting on the outside, a new fence should be built around the William Carter School, and the three old furnaces at the Avery should be replaced with a new steam boiler, so that bituminous coal can be used instead of anthracite.

I am suggesting that the department ask for the appropriation of a definite percentage of the valuation of our school buildings to be used for repairs each year. This should be sufficient to keep our buildings in good condition and not allow unnecessary depreciation.

### **Seats and Desks**

I am very glad to report that all the pupils in our schools are now provided with adjustable chairs and desks. This has been accomplished by having our old seats and desks re-finished and fitted with new adjustable irons. Three rooms have been furnished with new desks. It is important to the pupil to have his seat and desk properly adjusted and it is a matter of much satisfaction to pupils, teachers, and parents that this much needed work has been completed.

### **Education Week**

An attempt was made to induce more parents to visit the schools, by sending out a special invitation to the parents to visit the school on a day appointed during education week. In response to this invitation seven hundred fifty parents visited the schools during the week. This response has been very encouraging to the teachers.

### **Health and Physical Education**

During the past year, we have had the services of a school nurse on full time. Miss McKenna has given short talks to pupils on general health topics, and has accomplished a great deal by following up the doctor's reports by conferences with mothers.

Each school now has a set of scales, so that the weight of pupils can be followed carefully by the teachers and

a conference held by the nurse and mother in all cases requiring it. Meetings for the discussion of the most approved methods of conducting health work are held each year by the State Department of Health co-operating with the State Department of Education. At these conferences there has been in attendance the superintendent of schools, the school nurse, the school physicians when their private practice has permitted, and this year, Dr. Schirmer, representing the School Committee. Your attention is called to the reports of the school physicians and school nurse which are a part of this report.

In 1921 "Indoor and outdoor games and athletic exercises" were added to the list of subjects required to be taught in all the public schools. With the completion of the new High School and the equipment of the gymnasium, the department will be ready to begin formal work in physical education. A man should be employed who will have charge of all the gymnasium work and who will also coach the athletic teams. Our athletic teams have always been generously supported by the citizens of Needham and we hope to continue to deserve and receive their interest and assistance. It has always seemed to me to be unfortunate that those children who could not "make" the athletic team were deprived of the advantages of the exercise and training that members of the team receive. They may need physical training more than any now receiving it. With access to a good gymnasium, the weaker ones should receive more attention than the stronger ones.

This year a girls' hockey team was organized and I believe thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. There are other games equally as healthful. I might mention soccer and ice hockey as two that furnish excellent exercise in the open air and require team work and skill in playing.

### Vocational Education

The expenditure for vocational education for the year 1923 totals \$2,415.05 and is distributed as follows:

Newton Vocational Schools	\$1,604.56
Boston Trade School	223.70
Dressmaking and Millinery	
Classes conducted in Needham	586.79

Of this amount fifty per cent will be refunded by the Commonwealth.

One hundred thirteen persons in all have taken advantage of the privileges allowed by statute and an examination as to the quality of the work done as shown by the records given, is evidence that the work is taken seriously and is worth what it costs to the community and to the state. Classes in millinery and dressmaking have been conducted at the William Carter and Harris schools by the Extension Department of the Norfolk County Agricultural School.

### **Needham Parents' and Teachers' Association**

An excellent program is being carried out; the subjects chosen and speakers engaged should make the meetings of great interest to a large number of parents and teachers.

The association now numbers three hundred seventy-four, the largest in its history. All interested in the schools are invited to join.

"The object of this Association shall be to foster a closer sympathy and co-operation between the home and the school in the Town of Needham; and to promote the educational and social welfare of the community."

### **Program 1923-1924**

October 18—The Grade School.

Address by Mr. F. W. Kingman, Superintendent of Schools in Natick.

Special Music — — Refreshments.

December 13—The Junior High School.

Address by Mr. Oscar C. Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools in Brookline.

Special Music — — Refreshments.

February 14—The High School.

Address by Mr. Frank P. Morse, Supervisor of Secondary Education, Mass. Department of Education.

Special Music — — Refreshments.

April 10—After High School—What?

Address by Dr. Payson Smith, Commissioner of Education, Mass. Department of Education.

In our program this year we have endeavored to provide a series of Addresses covering all our School Problems, and it should be worth while to all parents to follow this series carefully. We are arranging each meeting so that there will be a good opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and become acquainted, and an opportunity for discussion of school activities.

### Officers

President	Harry H. Bruns
1st Vice President	Walter K. Queen
2nd Vice President	Miss Mary E. Glancy
Treasurer	Miss Etta G. MacDonald
Asst. Treas.	Miss Elizabeth A. Lester
Secretary	Mrs. Arthur W. Rohn
Member of Scholarship Fund Committee	J. H. Whetton

### Executive Committee

Mrs. Mary C. Whitney	Arthur G. Curren
Mrs. F. G. Getchell	Mrs. J. C. Freeman
John C. Davis	Mrs. Eben W. Smith
Gilman H. Campbell	Ernest Groves
Thomas H. Peters	Arthur Burkett
Miss Florence E. Eaton	Mrs. Walter Proctor
Benjamin D. May	Philip A. Rand
Auditor—Francis J. Stanwood.	

### Scholarship Fund Committee

#### Ex Officers:

John C. Davis, Supt. of Schools.  
 Gilman H. Campbell, Prin. High School.  
 Harry H. Bruns, President Parent-Teacher Association.  
 Mrs. Benjamin D. May, President New Century Club.  
 J. H. Whetton, By Election from Parent-Teacher Association.

### Publicity Committee

Mrs. Arthur W. Rohn	Arthur Burkett
Miss Mary E. Glancy	David Murdoch
Thomas H. Peters	



**Entertainment Committee**

Mrs. Marjory F. Fuller

**Refreshment Committee**

Mrs. F. G. Getchell, Chairman

**Membership Committee**

Lloyd C. Herring

Mrs. Bradford Stevens

Mrs. Walter Queen

Mrs. Walter Proctor

Mrs. Everett F. Poland

Mrs. William Brown

Mrs. Alfred P. Hartshorn

Boylston Williams

All meetings will be held in High School Hall at 8 P. M. All who are interested in the welfare of our schools are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

**Gifts**

Acknowledgment is hereby made of the gift of a beautiful piano to the William Carter School by the Hon. William H. Carter.

We also acknowledge from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Gordon the gift of a photograph of Miss Florence E. Gordon who served so faithfully and efficiently as secretary to the superintendent of schools from September 1, 1919 to March 21, 1922, a short time before her death.

Mention should also be made of the formal welcome to the teachers each year by the Needham Grange and the Parent-Teacher Association.

**Recommendations**

1. That an underpass be constructed so that pupils may walk from the Riverside to the Eliot Schools.

2. That a dental clinic be established.

3. Opportunity Class. A special ungraded class should be formed where those pupils who are behind their grade through enforced absence from sickness and other causes will receive special attention. There are also a few pupils who could with a little assistance do more than the regular work. This arrangement would give them all an opportunity.

4. The purchase of the land in the rear of the Avery School. This property can be purchased at a reasonable figure. The only way to increase school accommodations in this part of the town is to build in the rear of the



Avery School, when the numbers require it. It would seem to be lack of foresight not to purchase this property while it is in the market.

### Conclusion

Needham will be I believe, content only with what is the best for its educational system; teachers of training and experience, buildings suitably equipped and cared for and a careful supervision of the child's physical welfare. These things together with sympathetic co-operation between the home and the school go far toward making good schools and good schools go far toward making a community desirable for home building.

There is no reason why our schools should not go forward, increasing in efficiency from year to year.

In conclusion, I wish to express my keen appreciation for the continued cordial support of your Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. DAVIS,  
Superintendent.

### SCHOOL BUDGET, 1924

#### *Administration expenses*

##### Salaries:

Superintendent and Attendance Officer .....	\$3,750	
Janitor .....	100	
Clerk .....	750	
	-----	\$4,600

Rent, School Committee rooms 250

Expenses—coal, printing, traveling,  
telephone ..... 400

----- \$5,250

#### *Expenses of Instruction*

##### Salaries:

Supervisors .....	\$3,250
Principals .....	9,900
Teachers, High .....	20,350
Teachers, Elementary .....	64,330
Teachers, Evening .....	500
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98,330

Carried forward .....

\$103,580

<i>Brought forward</i> .....		\$103,580
Text books .....	\$2,750	
Supplies .....	4,250	
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<i>Expenses Operating School Plant</i>		
Janitors' wages .....	\$7,350	
Fuel .....	8,000	
Janitors' supplies and misc. ....	1,000	
Water .....	400	
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<i>Maintenance School Plant</i>		
Repairs .....	\$5,000	
New Equipment .....	1,850	
Upkeep of grounds .....	100	
	<hr/>	6,950
<i>Auxiliary Agencies</i>		
Health Expenses:		
Nurse .....	\$1,400	
Physicians .....	750	
Supplies .....	50	
Transportation .....	2,800	
	<hr/>	5,000
<i>Miscellaneous Expenses</i>		
Sundries .....	850	
Tuition .....	600	
Vocational .....	600	
	<hr/>	2,050
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		\$141,330
<i>Estimated Receipts</i>		
Dwight School Fund .....	210	
	<hr/>	\$141,120
Other receipts, including Mass. School Fund .....		13,000
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		\$128,120
<i>New High School</i>		
September 1st to January 1st		
Fuel .....	\$1,000	\$141,120
Janitor Service .....	1,000	
Light and water .....	260	
Teachers .....	2,520	
	<hr/>	4,780
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		\$145,900

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. John C. Davis,  
Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Needham High School.

In the class of 1923, the following pupils were graduated:

Florence Allen.—Office Jordan Marsh.  
Dorothea Ashton.—Miss McClintock's School.  
Louis Brown.—Gamewell Fire Alarm Tel. Co.  
Stuart Bugbee.—Mass. Institute Tech.  
Elizabeth Curley.—Simmons College.  
Margaret Donald.—Office Telephone Exchange.  
Francis Eaton.—Boston University C. B. A.  
Homer Elliott.—North Eastern College.  
Annette Engstrom.—At Home.  
Miriam Fowle.—Mrs. Carl Myers.  
Barrett Getchell.—Colby College.  
Bassford Getchell.—Colby College.  
David Gourd.—Commonwealth Trust.  
Eleanor Jackson.—Simmons College.  
Mary Jacoby.—Office Jordan Marsh.  
Marguerite Kehoe.—Office T. J. Crossman.  
Ernest Keith.—Needham Trust Company.  
Ruth Keith.—Burdett College.  
John Kenny.—Boston University C. L. A.  
Evelyn King.—At home.  
Alberta Koldenborg.—Office Enterprise Knitting Co.  
Helen Kroog.—Mount Holyoke College.  
Frances Kroll.—Wheaton College.  
Henry Leonard.—Harvard University.  
Birney Linn.—At home.  
Arthur Mullen.—William Gorse Co.  
John O'Connor.—Employ of D. R. Sortwell.  
Grace Osborne.—Miss Wheelock's School.  
Benjamin Phillips.—North Eastern College.  
Nathaniel Rand.—Norwich University.  
Ruth Richards.—Maricliff School.  
Blanche Salt.—At home.  
Newton Stata.—Needham Trust Co.

Alvira Vara.—At home.

Winnifred Whetton.—University of Vermont.

Roswell Whitmore.—Stone School.

Harriet Williams.—Simmons College.

Clara Wilmi.—Traveling abroad.

Miss Mabel Dawson of the class of 1921, also entered Middlebury College this fall.

The total enrollment for the present year is as follows: Freshman 112, sophomores 100, juniors 73, seniors 39, post-graduates 3; total 327; of this number 7 have left school leaving a present membership of 320. Last year at this time our total enrollment was 319, of whom 14 had left school when the report was filed. Of the 7 who have left school, this year, 2 have moved out of town, 1 left on account of sickness in the family, 1 returned to the high school in his own town, and 3 have given up school life entirely. As the present eighth grade is over 40% above normal size, and as the opening of the new building next fall will undoubtedly add to the proportion of 8th grade graduates who enter Needham High School, the increase in membership should be considerably greater for the coming year.

It is a great pleasure to present a report, which does not need to lay its main emphasis on poor physical conditions of the school. For years, our principal need has been space to provide for adequate accommodations for our membership. Of course, we still lack such provision, and equally of course, the school work is of a decidedly poorer quality than it ought to be. Home study produces satisfactory results with ambitious, faithful pupils who would achieve success regardless of school conditions, rather than because of them; but home study to the indifferent pupil, or to those who really need special assistance, means poorly prepared work and frequent failures. However, the end of our present crowded condition is now in sight, and the opening of the fine new building next fall should give us the room we need.

Our next great problem, which must be dealt with this year, concerns the distinctly educational side of our work. Our program of studies has been narrow and inelastic for a long time, and the tendency of the past few years has been constantly to cut down the subjects offered rather than to follow the general country wide movement of widening the scope of the program. The reason for our failure to adopt a more progressive plan has been, of

course, lack of space and equipment; but that reason will no longer hold good. The new building for instance, includes a considerable investment in gymnasium, dressing rooms, and shower baths, which represents the sentiment of the town, as expressed thru its building committee, that we should give attention to the physical, as well as to the mental development of high school pupils. Such an investment is a waste of funds unless it is really used, hence, instructors in athletics for both boys and girls will be needed next fall. I believe that the aim should be to have the athletic director for the boys give his whole time to his work; coaching all their athletic teams and having charge of their gymnasium work as well. The girls will probably not have quite as many demands for extra school activities at first, and I believe their needs can be met by some part time arrangement, for the first year at least.

Similarly, the new building plans provide suitable quarters and equipment for real courses in domestic arts, drawing, and manual training. This school is not in a position to offer direct vocational training and I believe that those pupils of high school age who want, and need such courses will continue to be better served by Newton Vocational School as long as that school will accept them. On the other hand, the knowledge and skill in the art of home making that can be given by properly organized courses in domestic arts ought to be a part of the education of every girl; and the boy who has learned to care for tools and to handle them effectively has acquired something of real value. This means that a domestic science teacher will have to be employed; that the time given the high school by the drawing instructor should be greatly increased (especially since the present courses in this subject do not meet the requirements of certain colleges); and that a part of the time of the manual training teacher will be called for. Probably the domestic arts courses in their beginnings will not require all of the teacher's time so that she will also be able to do a certain amount of teaching academic subjects, as well as having the usual oversight of the menus, supplies, and accounts of the lunch room.

All these new opportunities mean that a longer school day is needed in order to properly use the facilities provided. I believe the ideal system would call for six sixty minute periods in school plus 30 minutes for lunch. Such a program would do away with the need for double per-



iods in laboratory work or in applied arts; would give adequate time for gymnasium periods; would give opportunity for a fairly elastic election of courses; and most important of all, would call for the major portion of lesson preparation to be done in the school, during school hours, under the supervision of the class teacher. The new lunch room, equipped to furnish warm food of a proper kind at a reasonable cost would do away with one of the main difficulties in the way of such a program and the gymnasium periods together with those given to applied arts would provide sufficient change in the work carried on to prevent too long a mental strain. Such a program, however, would mean a school day extending approximately from 8:15 to 2:45, and I believe that this would have to be modified somewhat to obtain satisfactory results. Cutting five minutes from each period and reducing the lunch intermission to 20 minutes would allow the school to close at 2:15, at the latest, and at the same time would retain most of the desirable features of the longer session.

Probably, this longer school day will mean longer actual working hours for the high school teacher. With the pupils, the increase will be more apparent than real, since the longer day means more time for lesson preparation in school and consequently somewhat less demand for work at home. On the other hand, the teachers will probably find less time required for the outside assistance now given backward and indifferent pupils, and they will also be likely to secure somewhat better response on the part of the class. Further, the daily schedule should be so arranged as to give each teacher one period out of the six free from class instruction, and if possible from study hall supervision as well. In any case, I believe that the greater gain for the pupils will more than offset the extra work by the teacher.

One other matter will require special provision in the budget. The school is decidedly lacking in reference books. As long as we have had no place to put such books if we had them, and as long as our school has been organized with the definite policy that most of the work must be done at home, this lack of reference material was not of great importance. As we plan to use the combination library and study hall of the new building as the headquarters for study, we ought to begin to provide the more essential aids for work. A small appropriation each year, carefully expended, with a definite policy of refusal to



purchase any book that can more properly be loaned the school from the town library, should in time give the school all that ought to be needed for daily use.

The course of study should be revised and reprinted, with such changes as have already taken place, or will be called for by the new courses introduced, definitely included. I believe the policy should be to allow as much latitude as possible in electing courses, subject to reasonable restriction to prevent the choice of a poorly balanced program. Pupils who have a natural talent for drawing or for household arts should be encouraged to elect courses dealing with these subjects, rather than to have such courses used as a pure "dumping ground" for those who have failed to pass in other lines of work.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the many friends of the school who have seized every opportunity to assist us in our undertakings. In athletics, including our newly formed teams for girls; in our dramatics and art work; in our prize speaking, and in our school paper. no less than in our every day routine, we have found Needham citizens interested in the school and very ready to help with its projects.

In conclusion, the faculty of the high school joins with me in expressing our appreciation of the support and assistance which you and the School Committee have given us in dealing with our school problems.

Yours respectfully,

GILMAN H. CAMPBELL

December 14, 1923.

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## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF EVENING SCHOOL

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Needham, Mass., Dec. 20, 1923

Mr. John C. Davis,  
Supt. of Schools,  
Needham, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

I herewith submit a brief report of the Needham Evening School.

The evening school of 1922-1923 opened October 16, 1922 and closed March 27, 1923 after a session of 51 nights. The enrollment was 74 and classes were conducted in Americanization, elementary school subjects and millinery.

The fall term opened October 8, with an enrollment of 48.

As was the case last year, millinery attracted more applicants than could be accommodated, thirty-five registering on the opening night.

A class of 23 was organized and work on velvet and duvetyne hats comprised the first unit under the able instruction of Mrs. Clara M. Holmes. Exhibition of this work was held on November 8, and the nineteen finished hats that were displayed, showed very painstaking care on part of instructor and pupils.

The second unit—renovating hats and construction of children's hats began November 12. Exhibition of work accomplished in this unit was on Dec. 10, and again the excellence of work was favorably commented upon by all who attended the exhibition.

The third unit, which began Dec. 13, for construction of silk and satin hats is now in progress.

The classes in elementary school subjects and Americanization are composed of young men and women who are very eager to learn as they find that knowledge of subjects taught is a valuable asset in their lives.

Let me take this opportunity to express my thanks to the School Committee and Superintendent for their helpful co-operation in the work of the Evening School.

Yours respectfully,

MARY E. GLANCY

Principal.

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## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIANS AND NURSE

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Mr. John C. Davis,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Needham, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

I respectfully submit a report of my work in the High, William Carter, Avery, Riverside and Eliot Schools for the year 1922—1923.

No. children examined	891
Defective teeth	357
Defective Tonsils	165
Defective Glands	25

Cardiac Disease	8
Pulmonary Disease	2
Malnutrition	2
Mental defects	1
Orthopedic defects	5
Visits to schools	73
Office calls	35

I suggest that the Schick test for Diphtheria be administered to the pupils whose parents or guardians give their consent.

Very truly yours,

Wm. MITCHELL, M. D.

December 31, 1923

Report of work in Stephen Palmer, Kimball Dwight, Harris and Parker Schools for the school year 1922-1923.

Children examined	863
School Visits	65
Office calls	29

In the yearly examination of the pupils in the above named schools the following defects were noted.

Defective nasal breathing .....	54 cases
Hypertrophied or diseased tonsils ....	275 cases
Decaying teeth .....	417 cases
Alveolar abscesses .....	20 cases
Cardiac Disease .....	9 cases
Orthopedic disease .....	16 cases
Pulmonary disease .....	4 cases

By the addition of scales to the school equipment we were able this year to measure more accurately the amount of malnutrition among the pupils.

Of 1694 weighed 15.4% were found to be 10% under average weight for their height. This means that 261 pupils in the schools of Needham are physically unfit to carry on a strenuous school programme.

The presence of so large a number of such pupils calls for a more extensive health programme than we have yet carried on.

That much more can be accomplished, is demonstrated by the keen interest shown by the pupils in dental hygiene,

the results of which are considerably greater than is shown by the above statistics compared with those of last year.

I would recommend that the School Board co-operating with the Board of Health, or independently, provide some place where students in our schools, if their parents so desire, could be tested for their susceptibility to the infection of diphtheria.

CHARLES L. MacGRAY, M. D.

January 1, 1924.

John C. Davis,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Needham, Mass.

My dear Mr. Davis:—

I hereby submit my annual report for the year 1922-1923.

With the sincere co-operation of the parents and teachers, much has been done to promote and establish better health habits among the children, through the "Modern Health Crusade". Through the interest and kind assistance of Dr. J. W. Schirmer as physical examiner, a corrective posture class has been carried on, under the auspices of the Needham Red Cross. The class, however, is practically self-supporting and has already shown good results.

The children receive instructions under the supervision of Miss Natalie Stearns, graduate of Boston School Physical Education, and with the co-operation and consent of their parents.

The sale of Christmas Seals was successfully carried on, chiefly through the schools. Fifty-five per cent of the proceeds will be used for health work here in various ways and in case of need or emergency.

In some towns the sale of milk in the schools, has proven very satisfactory, this also might be a matter worthy of consideration for the Needham Schools.

I wish to thank you, the committee, and the school physicians, for your cordial co-operation and support in connection with the health work.

No. Schools Visited .....	375
No. rooms .....	1327
No. Children Examined .....	1754
No. Children Inspected .....	1921
No. Children Weighed and Measured .....	1694

No. Underweight .....	261
No. Overweight .....	56
New Defects found .....	627
Old Defects found Imp. ....	373
Old Defects found Un. imp. ....	1129
No. children referred to physicians .....	38
Excluded from school .....	224
Reported to health officer .....	155
Communicable diseases .....	179
All cases reported .....	1483
All cases under observation .....	690
Cases with no defects .....	488
Adenoids and Tonsils removed .....	89
Dressings made in school .....	50
Home visits .....	175
No. School talks given .....	25

Respectfully yours,

AGNES I. McKENNA,

School Nurse.





TABLE I — MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE  
For the Year Ending June, 1923

SCHOOLS	LOCATION	TEACHERS	GRADE	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent Attendance	Number Tardiness
High	Highland Avenue	{ G. H. Campbell, Principal Fred L. Frost May Springfield Florence Durgin Annie M. Currie Bernice L. Caswell Jennie G. Berriman Carolyn E. Tarbell Eva H. Churchill Eva M. Piercy Pauline Steward	IX-XII	320	295	275	92	1,550
		{ Howard Wilbur, Principal Harriette M. Cole Nellie T. O'Brien Edith H. Hatch Bertha Pugsley Kathleen M. Farrell Mabel M. Follensby Gladys E. Morehouse Mary A. Keller Gladys I. Umlah A. Lenore Crouse Thomas H. Peters, Principal Ethel N. Mitchell Helen B. Peterson Margaret E. Ripley Gladys M. Russell						
Kimball	Chestnut Street		VIII	37	33	30	94	149
			VIII	36	35	33	93	58
Wm. Carter	Highland Avenue		VII	35	33	32	96	83
			VII	36	31	30	87	211
			VII	36	34	32	92	136
			VI	32	29	26	93	35
			VI	30	28	26	93	102
			VI	30	28	26	93	56
			V	33	28	27	95	23
			V	33	28	26	91	31
			VIII	26	23	21	95	67
			VIII	25	25	24	95	92
Carter	Highland Avenue		VII	36	34	32	93	250
			VII	35	33	31	97	120

Wm. Carter	Highland Avenue	{ Jessie E. Brackett Luella Eaton Isabel S. Kingsbury Hazel F. Barry Ruth A. Webb Elizabeth A. Lester Eleanor L. Cummings Madolin Bagley Harriet N. Boyd Florence E. Eaton, Principal Mary E. MacKenzie Bertha I. Johnson Etta G. Macdonald Elsie M. Hinkley Miriam Ambler Madolin F. Wilcox Ethel M. Soule Jane B. Dougherty Lillian H. Totman Alice McDougald Alice H. Eberhardt, Principal Ann E. Fawcett Lillian Prescott Mabel E. Jacobs Frances M. Kingsbury, Principal Stella Ogert Mary E. Glancy, Principal Gladys C. Moore Edith McCann M. Helen Fox	VI V IV IV III II II I K IV IV IV III III II I I K V-VI III-V II-III K-I III-V K-II III-V K-II K-III K-IV	41 43 37 38 36 38 22 38 45 36 36 34 39 40 32 37 44 61 43 35 42 42 44 39 40 26 51 17	40 35 34 37 34 35 21 35 41 35 34 29 36 35 30 31 35 36 34 33 34 34 42 34 34 24 43 16	38 31 31 34 31 32 19 33 36 33 32 32 27 28 32 31 36 46 31 30 36 30 39 31 32 21 40 14	94 91 93 94 92 90 91 85 89 93 93 92 91 91 89 90 88 84 92 94 96 82 88 94 90 84 88 94 88 94 89	165 152 58 40 42 58 123 167 66 22 15 60 60 73 63 43 55 50 16 53 44 82 54 15 23 16 81 28 10
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TABLE II — ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP  
December, 1923

SCHOOLS	TEACHERS	GRADES	Service Began	EDUCATED	Years experience previous to Sept. 1, '23	Member-ship Dec. 15, '22
High .....	Gilman H. Campbell, Prin...	IX-XII	1919	Bowdoin-Dartmouth* Harvard*	19	
	Fred L. Frost .....		1919	Lebanon Valley Col. Univ. A.M. ....	9	
	May Springfield .....		1922	Boston University .....	8½	
	Bernice L. Caswell .....		1920	Emerson-Harvard*-Boston Univ. ‡ Columbia Univ.	3½	
	Florence E. Durgin .....		1922	Plymouth Normal-Boston Univ. ....	5	
	Annie M. Currie .....		1920	Tufts College-Boston University*	11	
	Jennie G. Beriman .....		1922	Simmons College-Palmer*Boston U.*	6½	
	Carolyn E. Tarbell .....		1920	Bates College-Boston Univ.* .....	4	
	Eva H. Churchill .....		1920	Emerson College-Boston Univ. ....	8	
	Eva M. Piercy .....		1921	Tufts College .....	2	
Kimball .....	Julia M. Annis .....	VIII	1923	Rochester Bus. Normal-N. Y. Univ.*	12	
	Grace Nugent .....		1923	Boston University-Harvard*	4	328
	Howard Wilbur, Principal .....		1921	Bridgewater Normal-Harvard B.S. Columbia Univ. A.M. ....	6	
	Harriette M. Cole .....		1902	Castine (Me.) Normal .....	38	36
	Nellie T. O'Brien .....		1916	Framingham Normal .....	13	36
	Edith R. Hatch .....		1923	Fitchburg Normal-Hyannis* .....	4	33
	Arlene N. Holman .....		1923	Framingham Normal .....	2	33
	Bertha E. Pugsley .....		1918	Emerson College .....	9	30
	Minnie Kathleen Farrell .....		1923	Provincial Normal (N. S.) .....	6	32
	Mabel M. Follensby .....		1922	Port Henry T. School-University Vt..	6	39
Wm. Carter .....	Gladys E. Morehouse .....	VIII	1922	Truro (N. S.) Normal .....	5	34
	Julia M. Canty .....		1923	Jackson College, Lowell Normal .....	1	35
	A. Lenore Crouse .....		1922	Boston University .....	5	34
	Thomas H. Peters, Principal ..		1919	Hyannis Normal-M.A.C.*-Boston U.	9	31
	Helen B. Peterson .....		1922	Bridgewater Normal-Boston Univ. ‡	6	28
	Gladys M. Russell .....		1922	Potsdam State Normal .....	3½	
	Frances E. Powell .....		1923	Bridgewater Normal .....	1	30
	Gladys I. Umlah .....		1922	Framingham Normal .....	2	31

Wm. Carter	Jessie Brackett	VI	1921	Fitchburg Normal	4	41
	Luella Eaton	V	1905	Plymouth Normal	20½	37
	Elise A. Otto	V	1923	Salem Normal	1	34
	Isabel S. Kingsbury	IV	1876	Needham High	47	38
	Hazel Barry	III	1921	Framingham Normal	5	21
	Ruth A. Webb	III	1910	Hallowell (Me.) Classical	15	38
	Eleanor Cummings	II	1922	Bridgewater Normal	3	32
Avery	Madeline Bagley	I	1922	Salem Normal	2	25
	Elizabeth A. Lester	I	1889	Framingham Normal	34	25
	Harriette N. Boyd	K	1903	Newburyport Training-Harvard	27	46
	Florence E. Eaton, Principal		1889	Needham High-Hyannis*-Harvard	34	
	Bertha I. Johnson	V	1918	Castleton (Vt.) Normal	12	36
	Alice N. Jameson	IV	1923	Framingham Normal	1	35
	Etta G. MacDonald	IV	1912	Machias (Me.) High	26	34
	Mary E. Blake	III	1907	Needham High-Hyannis*	15	41
Stephen Palmer	Miriam L. Ambler	III	1921	Framingham Normal	5	41
	Madolin F. Wilcox	II	1919	Farmington (Me.) Normal-Hyannis*	6	37
	Elsie M. Hinkley	II	1918	Framingham Normal†-M. A. C.*	11	37
	Jane B. Doughty	I	1919	Bridgewater Normal-Hyannis*	5	36
	Lillian H. Totman	I	1912	Quincy Training-No. Adams Normal*	24	38
	Alice McDougald	K	1916	Fisher Training School	12	70
	Alice H. Eberhardt	IV-V-VI	1899	Needham High-Hyannis*	28	40
Eliot	Ann E. Fawcett	III-IV	1919	Hyannis Normal-Normal Art*	7	40
	Lillian Prescott	II-III	1921	Gorham (Me.) Normal	5	33
	Mabel E. Jacobs	K-I	1919	Wheelock Training-Worcester Nor.†	9	27
Dwight	Frances M. Kingsbury	III-IV-V	1881	Needham High	42	32
	Stella A. Ogert	K-I-II	1921	North Adams Normal	9	40
Harris	Mary E. Glancy	IV-V	1888	Needham High-Hyannis Nor.-B. U.*	35	25
	Gladys C. Moore	I-II-III	1922	Salem Normal	3	26
Riverside	Edith M. McCann	K-I-II	1908	Boston University	15	
Parker	M. Helen Fox	K-L-II-III-IV	1921	Wheelock Training School	2½	20
Music	Ellen H. Bartlett		1904	Special Music Schools	30	
Drawing	Florence H. Russell		1915	Mass. Normal Art	12	
Manual Training	Wm. S. Franklin					
Evening	Mrs. Clara M. Holmes					
Vocational	Ann Graveson					
Americanization	Mary E. Glancy					

\*Summer Courses. †Partial Course. ‡Extension Course.

**JANITORS**

High School, Michael H. Fitzgerald.  
 Kimball School, Chas. H. Leighton.  
 W. Carter School, John Riley.  
 Avery School, Geo. L. Kennedy.  
 S. Palmer School, Peter Krautler.  
 Eliot School, Dwight School, Edward Daly.  
 Harris School, John Newbury.  
 Riverside School, Thomas Gamble.  
 Parker School, Wm. F. Brown.

**SCHOOL CENSUS****April 1, 1923**

	Males	Females	Total
Persons 5 years of age or over and under 7 .....	161	134	295
Persons 7 years of age or over and under 14 .....	505	568	1073
Persons 14 years of age or over and under 16 .....	150	159	309
	<hr/> 816	<hr/> 861	<hr/> 1677
Illiterate minors 16 years or over and under 21 .....	3	6	9

**MEMBERSHIP BY GRADES****April 1, 1923**

GRADES	K	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	P.G	Total
Elem. Schools	140	177	176	138	210	132	152	167	114	...	...	...	...	...	1,406
High School	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110	91	56	34	0	291
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,697

**GRADUATES****High School — 38**

Gilman H. Campbell, Principal

Florence May Allen  
 Dorothea Carhart Ashton  
 Lewis Brown  
 Stuart Jonathan Bugbee

Evelyn Elizabeth King  
 Alberta Doris Koldenborg  
 Frances Isabel Kroll  
 Helen Kroog

Elizabeth Frances Curley  
 Margaret Allan Donald  
 Francis Henry Eaton  
 Homer Blanchard Elliott  
 Annette Louise Engstrom  
 Miriam Florence Fowle  
 Barrett Gardner Getchell  
 Bassford Case Getchell  
 David Forsaith Gourd  
 Elinor Jackson  
 Mary Frances Jacoby  
 Marguerite Kehoe  
 Ernest Raymond Keith  
 Ruth Phillips Keith  
 John Torrey Kenney

Henry Siggins Leonard  
 James Birney Linn  
 Arthur Mullen  
 John Francis O'Connor  
 Grace Goodwin Osborne  
 Nathaniel Patten Rand  
 Benjamin Edmands Phillips, Jr.  
 Ruth Mary Richards  
 Blanche Frances Salt  
 Newton L. Stata  
 Alvira Winnefred Vara  
 Winifred M. Whetton  
 Roswell Converse Whitmore, Jr.  
 Harriet Williams  
 Clara Louise Wilm

### Kimball School — 66

Howard Wilbur, Principal

Sumner Frederick Adams  
 Paul Marshall Bezanson  
 Arthur Hampson Birkett  
 Doris Colby Blackman  
 Winfred Blackman  
 Eleanor Mann Blackmer  
 Sydney Earl Bleakney  
 Marion Elizabeth Blight  
 Willard Mason Bond  
 Daniel Francis Brady  
 Louis S. Brigham  
 Frank Leo Castagnetti  
 Phyllis Minott Clarke  
 Ruth Blight Cofran  
 Alberta Louise Cookson  
 Lillian I. Coombs  
 Violet Elizabeth Coombs  
 Dorothy Crane  
 Helen Winifred Crawley  
 Harlan George Crossett  
 Rose Alice Cylinski  
 Russell Frederick Davis  
 Donald Alexander Eaton  
 Harold Charles Ewing  
 Vera Filipetti  
 Mary B. Ford  
 Elmer R. Friswell  
 Kathryn Gloria Greene  
 David Gross  
 Frances M. Hedrich  
 John A. Hedrich  
 Edwin Victor Johnson  
 Frederick Richard Kroog

Theodore Lambert  
 Robert Pond Loker  
 Edward Michael Mahoney  
 John M. Marselli  
 Mary Carol Marshall  
 Robert B. Marshall  
 Robert John McElroy  
 Leonard L. Morrison  
 Muriel Morrison  
 James A. Mulherin  
 Richard Fletcher Murray  
 Doris M. Murtfeldt  
 Sarah Johnston Neill  
 John Carleton Nichols  
 Mildred H. Packard  
 Dwight Marshall Patton  
 Madeleine Pease  
 Alice Chapman Peterson  
 Margaret Jane Peticolas  
 Grace Elizabeth Pyle  
 George C. Rice  
 Virginia Margaret Richwagen  
 Margaret E. Rideout  
 Doris E. Robinson  
 Richard D. Rodgers  
 Eleanor Elwell Rohn  
 Francis J. Smith  
 Myron N. Stephens  
 Lillian T. Stowell  
 Ruth M. Thomas  
 Marguerite Toombs  
 Ruth Whitney  
 Mildred Marie Wright



**Wm. Carter School — 46**

Frank H. Allman	Esther H. Henry
Clarence E. Arnold	Clifton L. Josselyn
Louis F. Barba	Emily Kimball
Joseph A. Bartlomie	Phyllis E. Koldenborg
Edna May Brooks	Robert J. Latham
Winnifred J. Cahill	Joseph William Lawlor
Ethel Lillian Caunt	Harold Gordon Martin
Raymond P. Chambers	Robert N. MacBurnie
Marion Melvina Clews	Pearl E. Nanscawen
Anastasia C. Coughlin	Paul Pandolf
Joseph E. Coughlin	Robert E. Polley
Lydia E. Cranton	Ruth D. Quinn
Marie Isabella Crowley	Florence May Robbins
Mary R. Dedd	P. Joseph Shea
Harold De Doming	Josephine A. Slamen
Mary Elizabeth Dennis	Florence M. Stanley
Marion F. Digney	Lillian W. Treadwell
Grayce H. Farrand	Harold T. Vincent
Howard Johnson Godfrey	Harold S. Wallis
Alfred Louis Godfrey	William H. Webb
Albert Evans Gooding	Annie G. Westin
Margaret Louise Hartshorn	Josephine K. Westin
Dorothy A. Heald	Adelaide C. Willgoose

**Record of Kimball and Carter Graduates as of  
September 6, 1923**

Entered Needham High .....	92
Went to work .....	9
Moved .....	5
Dover High School .....	1
Newton Vocational .....	5
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**ROLL OF HONOR**

Pupils neither absent nor tardy for the school year 1922-1923.

**Five Years**

Elsie Scotton, Freshman, High School.

**Three Years**

Ralph Studley, Sophomore, High School.  
 Frances Stanwood, Sophomore, High School.  
 Marion Nickerson, VIII, Kimball.  
 Karl Flint, VI, Kimball.  
 Edward Hansis, VI, Kimball.  
 James O'Neil, VI, Kimball.  
 Herbert Brooks, V, Kimball.

**Two Years**

Margaret S. Woods, Freshman, High School.  
 Joseph Palise, VII, Kimball.

Kenneth Roscoe, VII, Kimball.  
Albert Chamberlain, V, Kimball.  
Arthur Chamberlain, V, Kimball.  
Annie Karlonis, II, Riverside.  
Doris Nichols, II, Parker.

### One Year

Harriet Williams, Senior, High School.  
George Hansis, Junior, High School.  
George F. Hathaway, Junior, High School.  
Ruth Nickerson, Junior, High School.  
Priscilla Packard, Junior, High School.  
Roland Studley, Junior, High School.  
Dorothy Bruns, Sophomore, High School.  
Edward MacDonald, Freshman, High School.  
Ruth Newcomb, Freshman, High School.  
Marion Stevens, Freshman, High School.  
Phyllis Clarke, VIII, Kimball.  
Ruth Thomas, VIII, Kimball.  
Harlan Crossett, VIII, Kimball.  
Lawrence Whitmore, VII, Kimball.  
Arthur Hallsworth, VI, Kimball.  
Edith Walton, V, Kimball.  
Louis Godfrey, VIII, Wm. Carter.  
Robert Ramsey, VII, Wm. Carter.  
Doris Atkinson, VII, Wm. Carter.  
Mabelle Noyes, VII, Wm. Carter.  
Elizabeth Atkinson, V, Wm. Carter.  
Roland Newton, V, Wm. Carter.  
Edmund Ravinski, V, Wm. Carter.  
Stella Pacionek, V, Wm. Carter.  
Julia Sherminski, V, Wm. Carter.  
Guy Cascio, IV, Wm. Carter.  
Archie Willgoose, IV, Wm. Carter.  
Barbara Hervey, IV, S. Palmer.  
Lawrence Farnham, IV, S. Palmer.  
Marjory Studley, IV, S. Palmer.  
Aaron Loomis, IV, S. Palmer.  
Hazel Chamberlain, K, S. Palmer.  
Roger Desmond, IV, Dwight.  
William Desmond, II, Dwight.  
Phillip Sciacca, V, Harris.  
Gladys Cassidy, V, Harris.  
Robert F. Cassidy, IV, Harris.  
Robert F. Corbett, IV, Harris.  
Drusilla A. Watt, III, Harris.



# TOWN OF NEEDHAM

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer

Collector, Town Accountant

AND

Board of Assessors

FOR THE YEAR 1923



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# REPORT OF TREASURER

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CHARLES E. STANWOOD, *Treasurer,*

In account with TOWN OF NEEDHAM

January 1, 1923, to January 1, 1924.

1923, Jan.	DR.	
1 To balance cash on hand .....		\$65,029 21
18 West Newton Savings Bank, Greenwood Fund Income .....		24 44
Treasurer of Needham, Cr. Library Department (Barr & Green- wood Fund Income 1922) .....		572 89
Treasurer Norfolk County, Dog License Fees 1922 .....		733 54
Newton Savings Bank, Greenwood Fund Income .....		23 40
Knights of Columbus, Rent Town Hall, October 27, 1922 .....		38 00
Knights of Pythias, Rent Town Hall, November 29, 1922 ..		38 00
New Century Club, Rent Town Hall, December 30, 1922 ...		38 00
Rent Town Hall, November 1, 1922 ...		15 00
Rent Town Hall, December 6, 1922 ....		35 00
Rent Town Hall, January 3, 1923 .....		15 00
Girl Scouts of Needham, Rent Town Hall, October, 1922 .....		3 00
30 Needham Trust Company, Interest on balances .....		36 16
Federal Trust Company, Interest on balances .....		13 21
15 Old Colony Trust Company, Interest on balances .....		224 97
Feb.		
7 H. H. Upham, Cr. Inspection .....		33 00
D. L. Fisher, Rent Town Hall, January 19, 1923 .....		35 00
Congregational Women's Club, Rent Town Hall, January 31, 1923 ....		20 00



Feb.

7	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Corporation Tax-Public Service 1922 . . .	\$599 09
	Income tax 1922 . . . . .	490 00
	John L. Twigg, Collector, Account 1922 tax . . . . .	19,306 30
	Account interest on 1922 tax . . . . .	233 93
	Betterment Tax . . . . .	101 79
	Betterment Tax Interest . . . . .	3 12
23	Girl Scouts of Needham, Rent Town Hall, February 7, 1923 . . . .	2 50
	John L. Twigg, Collector, Account 1921 tax . . . . .	45 38
	Account interest on 1921 tax . . . . .	25 18
	New Century Club, Rent Town Hall, February 7, 1923 . . . .	15 00
	Needham Forum, Rent Town Hall, November 6-13-20-27 —December 4-11-18 . . . . .	70 00
27	Needham Trust Company, Interest on daily balances . . . . .	27 67
26	Federal Trust Company, Interest on daily balances . . . . .	13 10

Feb.

5	C. D. Parker & Co., Inc., Sale of High School Land Bonds $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ , due \$4,500 December 15, 1923 and \$4,000 December 15, 1924-30 inclusive	32,500 00
	Reserve for Interest Payment . . . . .	195 67
	Reserve for Bond Payment . . . . .	162 50
15	Old Colony Trust Company, Interest on daily balances . . . . .	73 41

March

6	John L. Twigg, Collector, Account 1922 tax . . . . .	4,553 71
	Account Interest on 1922 tax . . . . .	63 77
	Account 1922 tax . . . . .	11,106 89
	Account 1922 tax interest . . . . .	215 46
	H. H. Upham, Cr. Inspection . . . . .	38 50

## March

6	Needham Masonic Club, Rent Town Hall, February 21, 1923 . . . .	\$38 00
	Wm. Carter Co. Employees' Association, Rent Town Hall, February 13, 1923 . . . .	38 00
28	Gordon W. Turner, 1st and 2nd Class Dealers' Auto License	30 00
	W. H. Stanton, Fees for sealing weights and measures ..	1 21
	Leonard Vara, Gasoline license . . . . .	1 00
	Citizens' National Bank, Greenwood Fund Income . . . . .	50
	Joseph Satterlee, Cr. Tree Warden Department . . . . .	3 00
	Frank E. Saunders, Used Car Dealers' license . . . . .	20 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Vocational School . . . . .	982 07
	Poor Department . . . . .	226 54
	Health Department . . . . .	322 15
20	Needham Trust Company, Interest on daily balances . . . . .	15 95
14	Old Colony Trust Company, Interest on daily balances . . . . .	63 82
27	Federal National Bank, Interest on daily balances . . . . .	11 95

## April

5	Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Cr. Poor Department . . . . .	175 00
	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer, Cr. Poor Department . . . . .	31 00
	New Century Club, Rent Town Hall, March 9, 1923 . . . . .	15 00
	New Century Club Card Party, Rent Town Hall, March 22, 1923 . . . . .	15 00
	Frank DeFazio, Lord's Day license . . . . .	5 00
	Pythian Sisters, Rent Lower Town Hall, March 27, 1923	5 00
	H. H. Upham, Cr. Inspection . . . . .	42 00

April,

5	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1922 tax .....	\$13,539 76
	Account interest on 1922 tax .....	305 34
	Check No. H2301 cancelled dated May 10, 1922,	
	Cr. Fire Department .....	50
11	Walter S. Bagley, Probation Officer,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	\$4 00
	James R. Pidgeon,	
	Hawker's & Peddler's license .....	1 00
	Samuel Rosenblat,	
	Junk license .....	2 00
	C. M. Foss,	
	Auctioneer's license .....	2 00
	Refunded,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	10 00
	H. F. Stevenson,	
	Rent Town Hall, April 4, 1923 .....	2 50
	Anton Peschie,	
	Cr. Police Department .....	10 00
	I. O. O. F. Associates,	
	Rent Town Hall, April 2, 1923 .....	38 00
	New Century Club,	
	Rent Town Hall, April 4, 1923 .....	15 00
18	Walter S. Bagley, Probation Officer,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	2 00
	Refunded,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	5 00
	Needham Heights Garage,	
	Garage license .....	2 50
	Gasolene license .....	1 00
	Leonard Vara & Pasquale Pannello,	
	Lord's Day license .....	5 00
	Anthony Phipps,	
	Rent Town Hall, April 13, 1923 .....	38 00
	Boston Five Cents Savings Bank,	
	Greenwood Fund Income .....	41 33
	New Century Club,	
	Rent Town Hall, March 17, 1923 .....	38 00
26	Refunded,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	5 00

April,

26	Luke L. Amiro,	
	Gasoline license .....	\$1 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Corporation tax Foreign, 1920 .....	1,554 82
	Corporation tax Business.....	423 43
	Needham Trust Company,	
	Barr Fund Income .....	10 00
	Walter S. Bagley, Probation Officer,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	3 00
	Suffolk Savings Bank,	
	Greenwood Fund Income .....	36 66
	Home Savings Bank,	
	Greenwood Fund Income .....	26 80
30	Needham Trust Company,	
	Interest on daily balances .....	11 84
18	Old Colony Trust Company,	
	\$280,000, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Needham School Loan,	
	Acts of 1923, Chap. 173 sold 101.176	
	and accrued interest,	
	Received on account Principal .....	280,000 00
	Received on account Premium (to be ap-	
	plied against Bond payment) .....	3,292 80
	Received on account Accrued interest (to	
	be applied against interest payment) .	628 07
27	Federal National Bank,	
	Interest on daily balances .....	13 26
9	Old Colony Trust Company,	
	Interest on daily balances .....	56 63
16	C. D. Parker & Company, Inc.,	
	Tax note No. 47 at 4.35% discount due	
	December 14, 1923 .....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 48 at 4.35% discount due	
	December 14, 1923 .....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 49 at 4.35% discount due	
	December 14, 1923 .....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 50 at 4.35% discount due	
	December 14, 1923 .....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 51 at 4.35% discount due	
	December 14, 1923 .....	10,000 00

## May

2	New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, Cr. School Department .....	\$3 18
	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer, Cr. Poor Department .....	2 00
	New Century Club, Rent Town Hall, April 18, 1923 .....	15 00
	F. L. Diehl, Cr. Police Department .....	75
	Margaret Malone, Lord's Day license .....	5 00
	S. Segal, Junk license .....	2 00
	L. Amiro, Gasoline license .....	1 00
	T. C. Watkins, Cr. School Department .....	5 00
	Refunded, Cr. Poor Department .....	5 00
9	John L. Twigg, Collector, Account 1922 tax .....	18,836 47
	Account interest on 1922 tax .....	501 79
	Natick Five Cent Savings Bank, Greenwood Fund Income .....	30 48
	Needham Council, K. of C., Rent of Town Hall, April 17-18 .....	76 00
	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer, Cr. Poor Department .....	2 00
16	New Century Club, Rent Town Hall, May 2, 1923 .....	20 00
	Order of Eastern Star, Rent Town Hall, May 8, 1923 .....	40 00
	Dedham Institute for Savings, Greenwood Fund Income .....	24 41
	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer, Cr. Poor Department .....	3 00
	Needham Board of Trade, Rent Town Hall, April 16, 1923 .....	43 00
	Sundries, Cr. Fire Department .....	3 00

May

16	H. H. Upham,	
	Inspection Fees .....	\$57 00
	Victuallers' licenses,	
	Clifford H. Bryant .....	2 50
	Sully Sincare .....	2 50
	Charles Stevens .....	2 50
	John Stevens .....	2 50
	John J. Sullivan .....	2 50
	Lord's Day licenses,	
	John Stevens .....	5 00
	Charles Stevens .....	5 00
	Ignatius G. Buitta .....	5 00
	Ignatius G. Buitta,	
	4 Bowling Alley licenses.....	20 00
	Mack & Foye,	
	Rent Town Hall, May 8, 1923 .....	15 00
	W. F. Adams,	
	Copy of Bicentenary .....	1 00
	E. P. Bigelow,	
	Copy of Bicentenary .....	1 00
	Refunded,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	10 00
23	St. Joseph's Church,	
	Rent Town Hall, April 30, 1923 .....	23 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	1,249 02
31	Needham Trust Company,	
	Interest on daily balances .....	12 99
28	Federal National Bank,	
	Interest on daily balances .....	12 88
29	C. D. Parker & Company, Inc.,	
	Tax note No. 52 due December 14, 1923	25,000 00
	Tax note No. 53 due December 14, 1923	15,000 00
	Tax note No. 54 due December 14, 1923	10,000 00
14	Old Colony Trust Company,	
	Interest on daily balances .....	54 60
	Cr. High School Account .....	55 17

June

1	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	2 00



## June

1	Citizens National Bank, Greenwood Fund Income .....	\$ 50
	Raymond Barber, Lord's Day license .....	5 00
	Thos. F. Morrill, Lord's Day license .....	5 00
	Victualler's license .....	2 50
	Refunded, Cr. Poor Department .....	10 00
	Nicholas Tocci, Rent Town Hall, May 18, 1923 .....	43 00
	Girl Scouts of Needham, Rent Town Hall, April 20-27, May 4-11 .....	10 00
	Junior Guild Christ Church, Rent Town Hall, May 25, 1923 .....	20 00
	Girl Scouts of Needham, Rent Town Hall, April 14, 1923 .....	20 00
	Senior Class Needham High School, Rent Town Hall, May 11, 1923 .....	10 00
6	H. H. Upham, Cr. Inspection .....	81 00
	Theodore McIntosh, Lord's Day license .....	5 00
	Refunded, Cr. Poor Department .....	5 00
	Treasurer Norfolk County, Commissioners' award account Central Avenue .....	500 00
	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer, Cr. Poor Department .....	2 00
	John L. Twigg, Collector, Account 1922 taxes .....	8,213 49
	Account interest on 1922 taxes .....	292 07
	Check No. 2355 cancelled, Cr. Poor Department .....	10 00
20	Treasurer of Needham, Loan to water department returned ....	5,000 00
	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer, Cr. Poor Department .....	4 00
	George W. Southworth, Cr. Elections and Registration .....	3 25

June

20	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hawkers & Peddlers' licenses 4416D, 4474D	\$26 00
	Eliot Lodge No. 58 I. O. O. F., Rent Town Hall, May 3, 1923 .....	43 00
	Willett & Chadwick Coal Co., Cr. Poor Department .....	8 15
	Allston R. Bowers, Auctioneer's license .....	2 00
	P. J. Hennessey, Taxicab license .....	1 00
	Connors & Stack, Garage license .....	1 00
	O. J. Mott, Auto Agent's license .....	10 00
	Garage license .....	1 00
	E. P. Newton, Cr. School Department .....	10 00
	St. Joseph's Parish, Rent Town Hall, May 29, 1923 .....	23 00
	Refunded, Cr. Poor Department .....	10 00
25	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Cr. Poor Department .....	396 00
	Treasurer of Needham, Interest on loan to Water Department ..	72 20
	Needham Trust Company, Interest on daily balances .....	21 64
4	C. D. Parker & Company, Inc., Tax note No. 55 due May 22, 1924 ....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 56 due May 22, 1924 ....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 57 due May 22, 1924 ....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 58 due May 22, 1924 ....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 59 due May 22, 1924 ....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 60 due May 22, 1924 ....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 61 due May 22, 1924 ....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 62 due May 22, 1924 ....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 63 due May 22, 1924 ....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 64 due May 22, 1924 ....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 65 due June 19, 1924 ....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 66 due June 19, 1924 ....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 67 due June 19, 1924 ....	10,000 00

## June

4	C. D. Parker & Co., Inc.— <i>Continued</i>	
	Tax note No. 68 due June 19, 1924 . . . .	\$10,000 00
	Tax note No. 69 due June 19, 1924 . . . .	10,000 00
14	Old Colony Trust Company,	
	Interest on daily balances . . . . .	86 53
5	Cr. High School account (Int. on balances)	1,019 40
25	Federal National Bank of Boston,	
	Interest on daily balances . . . . .	13 32

## July

5	Angie E. Tracy, Lib.,	
	Fines at Library . . . . .	125 00
	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer,	
	Cr. Poor Department . . . . .	4 00
	District Court Northern Norfolk,	
	Fines for quarter ending June 30, 1923 .	520 00
	City of Waltham,	
	Cr. Poor Department . . . . .	140 90
	H. H. Upham,	
	Cr. Inspection . . . . .	75 50
	Refunded,	
	Cr. Poor Department . . . . .	10 00
	Miss Springfield,	
	Rent Town Hall, April 18, 1923 . . . . .	2 50
11	E. B. Horne,	
	Sale of lots 366–393 inc. and 396 Fremont	
	Park . . . . .	432 05
	Newton Savings Bank,	
	Greenwood Fund Income . . . . .	23 40
	Norfolk Lodge A. F. & A. M.,	
	Rent Town Hall, May 7, 1923 . . . . .	45 00
	Treasurer of Needham,	
	Loan to Water Department April 18 re-	
	turned . . . . .	2,500 00
	Interest on above . . . . .	26 25
17	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Account 1922 tax . . . . .	6,154 60
	Account interest on 1922 tax . . . . .	238 68
	W. Newton Savings Bank,	
	Greenwood Fund Income . . . . .	24 44
	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer,	
	Cr. Poor Department . . . . .	4 00

## July

17	Needham Forum, Rent Town Hall, February 11 and 25— March 11 and 25 .....	\$60 00
	Elizabeth Fanning, Gasoline license .....	1 00
	Refunded, Cr. Poor Department .....	10 00
25	Roscoe A. Carter, Cr. Selectmen's Department .....	3 75
	Refunded, Cr. Poor Department .....	5 00
31	Needham Trust Company, Interest on daily balances .....	11 18
25	Federal National Bank, Interest on daily balances .....	12 93
20	Old Colony Trust Company, Interest on daily balances .....	70 52
	Cr. High School account (Int. on balances)	779 98

## Aug.

1	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer, Cr. Poor Department .....	4 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Cr. Moth Department .....	48 04
8	Henry Godfrey, Jr. Collector, 1923 poll tax .....	5,000 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Cr. Poor Department .....	1,244 95
	Vocational Education .....	15 18
	Income tax 1921 and prior years .....	756 00
	Income tax 1922 .....	392 00
	Corporation tax Business .....	688 11
	Refunded, Cr. Poor Department .....	10 00
	Nicholas Mastropiro, Lord's Day license .....	5 00
	H. H. Upham, Inspection fees .....	74 00
14	John L. Twigg, Collector, 1922 poll tax .....	99 00
	Account 1922 tax .....	4,591 78
	Account interest on 1922 tax .....	219 17

Aug.

20	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer, Cr. Poor Department .....	\$4 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Cr. Poor Department .....	340 83
	Citizens' National Bank, Greenwood Fund Income .....	50
21	C. D. Parker & Company, Inc., Tax note No. 70 due June 19, 1924 ....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 71 due June 19, 1924 ....	10,000 00
23	Refunded, Cr. Poor Department .....	10 00
28	C. D. Parker & Company, Inc., Tax note No. 72 due June 19, 1924 ....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 73 due June 19, 1924 ....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 74 due June 19, 1924 ....	10,000 00
29	Refunded, Cr. Poor Department .....	5 00

Sept.

1	Mrs. Hosea B. Hersey, Cr. Poor Department .....	12 75
1	Needham Trust Company, Interest on daily balances (August).....	10 63
25	Mrs. Bella McMath, Sale of lot 304, Freemont Park, Taxes, \$30.77. Interest, \$14.09.....	44 86
	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer, Cr. Poor Department .....	8 00
	John L. Twigg, Collector, Account 1922 tax .....	6,476 82
	Account interest on 1922 tax .....	365 91
	Street Betterment Tax .....	903 88
	Account Interest on Street Betterment Tax .....	29 88
	Account Sidewalk Tax .....	18 18
	Account Interest on Sidewalk Tax.....	82
	H. H. Upham, Cr. Inspection .....	64 50
	Refunded, Cr. Poor Department .....	10 00
	Gasoline licenses, Susie R. Bardwell .....	1 00

Sept.

25	Gasoline Licenses— <i>Continued</i>	
	Hills & Sweetland .....	\$1 00
	Suburban Hardware & Auto Supply Co...	1 00
	John Blankenburg,	
	Hawker's & Peddler's license.....	1 00
	John Baldessara,	
	Hawker's & Peddler's license.....	1 00
26	Check No. 4475 cancelled (Edison Elec. Ill. Co.),	
	Cr. Library Department .....	2 75
	Refunded,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	10 00
	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	4 00
20	Needham Trust Company,	
	Interest on daily balances .....	38 52
1	Federal National Bank,	
	Interest on daily balances (August).....	16 66
27	Interest on daily balances (September)..	16 77
1	Old Colony Trust Company,	
	Interest on daily balances (August).....	73 80
14	Interest on daily balances (September)....	18 60
1	Cr. High School account (Int. on balances, August) .....	803 68
30	Cr. High School account (Int. on balances, Sept.) .....	793 34

Oct.

1	C. D. Parker & Company, Inc.,	
	Tax note No. 75 at 4.35% discount due	
	May 22, 1924 .....	15,000 00
	Tax note No. 76 at 4.35% discount due	
	May 22, 1924 .....	10,000 00
4	Henry Godfrey, Jr. Collector,	
	Poll tax 1923 .....	3,000 00
4	C. D. Parker & Company, Inc.,	
	Tax note No. 77 at 4.35% discount due	
	June 19, 1924 .....	10,000 00
9	Tax note No. 78 at 4.35% discount due	
	June 19, 1924 .....	10,000 00
	Tax note No. 79 at 4.35% discount due	
	June 19, 1924 .....	5,000 00



Oct.

10	E. H. Cutler,	
	Rent Town Hall, May 15, 1923 .....	\$7 00
	Refunded,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	10 00
	Joseph Miele,	
	Lord's Day license .....	2 50
	Alger E. Eaton,	
	6 Taxicab licenses .....	6 00
	Nicholas Mastropieri,	
	Gasoline license .....	1 00
	Harold T. Neas,	
	Ammunition license .....	1 00
	Harry McMath,	
	Gasoline license .....	1 00
	H. H. Upham,	
	Cr. Inspection .....	64 00
	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	4 00
	Mr. Cowdrey,	
	Cr. Fire Alarm Department .....	5 00
	District Court Northern Norfolk,	
	Fines for quarter ending September 30,	
	1923 .....	530 00
	Girl Scouts,	
	Rental Lower Town Hall, October 3, 1923	2 50
18	Needham Trust Company,	
	Barr Fund Income .....	10 00
	Boston Five Cents Savings Bank,	
	Greenwood Fund Income .....	41 33
	Mrs. Mary J. Barker,	
	Rent Lower Town Hall, October 11, 1923	2 50
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	514 03
24	Home Savings Bank,	
	Greenwood Fund Income .....	26 80
	Suffolk Savings Bank,	
	Greenwood Fund Income .....	41 24
18	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	1923 tax on land taken for water purposes	69 79
29	Checks cancelled,	
	Cr. State Aid .....	18 00

Oct.

18	Needham Trust Company, Interest on daily balances .....	\$28 66
22	Old Colony Trust Company, Cr. High School account (Int. on balances)	704 96
8	Interest on daily balances .....	9 37
26	Federal National Bank, Interest on daily balances .....	16 27

Nov.

1	Edward Ohler, Cr. School Department .....	75 00
	May J. Barker, Rent Town Hall, October 18, 1923 .....	2 50
	A. W. Ellis, Rent Town Hall, October 18, 1923 .....	15 00
	May J. Barker, Rent Town Hall, October 25, 1923 .....	2 50
	Sons of St. George, Rent Town Hall, October 12, 1923 .....	33 00
	High School Alumnae, Rent Town Hall, September 6, 1923 ...	25 00
1	David Murdoch, 6 Bowling Alley licenses .....	30 00
	Alger E. Eaton, Undertaker's license .....	1 00
	Woodward Brothers, Garage license .....	2 50
	Adams Brothers, Garage license .....	2 50
	Gasoline license .....	1 00
	Gordon W. Turner, Gasoline license .....	1 00
	Refunded, Cr. Poor Department .....	15 00
	Samuel H. Capen, Sheriff, Fines at Jail & House of Correction quar- ter ended September 30, 1923 .....	138 50
7	Henry Godfrey, Jr. Collector, Account 1923 tax .....	140,000 00
	New Century Club, Rental Lower Town Hall, October 10, 1923	2 50
	Rental Town Hall, October 3, 1923 ....	20 00

Nov.

7	Angie E. Tracy, Librarian, Fines at Library .....	\$136 00
	H. E. Berger, Jr. Treasurer, Milk & Oleo licenses .....	10 50
14	Natick Five Cent Savings Bank, Greenwood Fund Income .....	30 48
	Dedham Institute for Savings, Greenwood Fund Income .....	24 41
	Katherine A. Ryan, Manicure license .....	1 00
	Ryan & O'Connor, Lord's Day license .....	5 00
	S. Roscoe Bardwell, Lord's Day license .....	5 00
	Central Railway Signal Company, Explosive license .....	1 00
	Ralph J. Bowers, Pool license .....	5 00
	E. T. Bezanson, Gasoline license .....	1 00
	Refunded, Cr. Poor Department .....	10 00
	E. Generazio, Rent Town Hall, October 26, 1923 .....	28 00
	May J. Barker, Rent Town Hall, November 1-8 .....	5 00
	New Century Club, Rent Town Hall, November 7 .....	2 50
	Needham Grange, Rent Town Hall, September 14-15 .....	11 00
	Order Eastern Star, Rent Town Hall, October 31 .....	25 00
	H. H. Upham, Inspection fees .....	57 50
	Check No. 2747 cancelled, Cr. Highway Department .....	12 50
19	Coupons due May 15 and November 15 \$3,000, 2d Liberty Loan, Cr. Greenwood Fund Income .....	127 50
	Coupons due March 1 and September 1, Cr. Dwight School Fund Income .....	210 00

Nov.

22	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer, Cr. Poor Department .....	\$8 00
	Citizens' National Bank, Cr. Greenwood Fund Income .....	50
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Cr. Highway Department .....	1,073 75
	Corporation Tax-Public Service .....	2,442 24
	Corporation Tax Business .....	10,916 96
	Income tax 1923, General Purposes ....	14,469 46
	Income tax 1923, General School Fund .	11,587 50
	National Bank tax .....	36 08
	National Bank tax .....	382 58
	Military Aid .....	242 50
	State Aid .....	696 00
24	Henry Godfrey, Jr. Collector, Account 1923 taxes .....	90,000 00
26	John L. Twigg, Collector, Account 1922 taxes .....	541 27
	Account interest on 1922 taxes .....	38 11
	Account 1922 taxes .....	3,005 02
	Account interest on 1922 taxes .....	208 83
20	Needham Trust Company, Interest on daily balances .....	35 89
13	Old Colony Trust Company, Interest on daily balances .....	9 66
	Cr. High School account .....	704 94
26	Federal National Bank, Interest on daily balances .....	16 82

Dec.

1	John L. Twigg, 1922 tax paid on tax title accounts .....	11 61
	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer, Cr. Poor Department .....	4 00
	W. H. Stanton, Fees for sealing weights and measures ..	54 47
	Rufus E. Lambert, Gasoline license .....	1 00
	Needham Heights Garage, Auto Agent's license .....	1 00
	Refunded, Cr. Poor Department .....	10 00

Dec.

1	Generazio & Tocci, Rent Town Hall, November 2, 1923 . . . .	\$28 00
	May J. Bowers, Rent Town Hall, November 15 and 22, 1923 . . . . .	5 00
	New Century Club, Rent Town Hall, November 10, 1923 . . .	5 00
	Knights of Columbus, Rent Town Hall, October 5, 1923 . . . . .	25 00
5	New Century Club, Rent Town Hall, November 8, 1923 . . . .	35 00
	Angie E. Tracy, Librarian, Fines at Public Library . . . . .	20 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Cr. School Department . . . . .	123 25
	Corporation tax, Domestic 1922 . . . . .	8 85
20	John L. Twigg, Collector, Betterment tax . . . . .	400 38
	Interest on Betterment tax . . . . .	30 35
	Account 1921 tax . . . . .	108 50
20	John L. Twigg, Collector, Account interest on 1921 tax . . . . .	14 27
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Account special license issued to Louis Stevens . . . . .	13 00
	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer, Cr. Poor Department . . . . .	4 00
	City of Newton, 1923 tax on land taken for water purposes	572 47
	W. H. Stanton, Fees for sealing weights and measures . .	10 42
	Pythian Sisters, Rent Town Hall, December 6, 1923 . . . .	5 00
	Nehoiden Rebecca Lodge, Rent Town Hall, December 14, 1923 . . .	43 00
	May J. Barker, Rent Town Hall, December 14, 1923 . . .	5 00
	Needham Poultry Association, Rent Town Hall, November 1923 . . . . .	10 00
	Ralph J. Bowers, Pool license . . . . .	2 50

Dec.

20	Refunded,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	\$10 00
	H. H. Upham,	
	Inspection fees .....	62 50
31	Henry Godfrey, Jr. Collector,	
	Account 1923 taxes .....	38,381 11
	Poll tax 1923 .....	645 00
	Moth tax 1923 .....	216 63
	Sidewalk tax .....	130 92
	Street Betterment tax .....	319 54
	Interest on 1923 taxes .....	244 33
	Needham Trust Company,	
	Interest on daily balances .....	224 44
31	Refunded,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	10 00
	H. H. Upham,	
	Inspection fees .....	46 50
	New Century Club,	
	Rent Town Hall, December 31, 1923 ...	43 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Income tax 1923 .....	784 00
	Corporation tax, Public Service 1923...	890 50
	Corporation tax, Business 1923 .....	2,179 02
	Street Railway tax, 1923 .....	13 87
	Interest on Street Railway tax 1923 ....	07
	W. S. Bagley, Probation Officer,	
	Cr. Poor Department .....	4 00
	Angie E. Tracy,	
	Fines at Public Library .....	42 00
	Town of Dover,	
	Cr. Fire Department .....	40 00
	Treasurer Norfolk County,	
	Commissioners' award account Chestnut	
	Street Bridge .....	3,533 95
	New Century Club,	
	Rent Town Hall, December 6, 1923 ....	43 00
	District Court Northern Norfolk,	
	Fines for quarter ending December 31,	
	1923 .....	220 00
31	Old Colony Trust Company,	
	Cr. High School account .....	651 62



Dec.

31	John L. Twigg, Collector,	
	Interest on deposits .....	\$152 33
	Tax Certificates .....	15 00
	Account 1922 taxes .....	1,666 73
	Account interest on 1922 taxes .....	107 23
	Abated poll tax 1922 .....	5 00
	Treasurer of Needham,	
	Loans to Water Department returned ..	4,000 00
	Interest on above loans .....	50 49
	Liberty Trust Company,	
	Credit High School account .....	74 80
	Federal National Bank,	
	Interest on daily balances .....	16 27
	Old Colony Trust Company,	
	Interest on daily balances .....	17 59
	Credit High School account .....	549 93
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Jan.

15	Treasurer of Needham,	
	Greenwood Fund Income 1922 .....	\$552 89
	Barr Fund Income 1922 .....	20 00
24	N. Maria Moseley,	
	High School Land (Moseley) .....	7,500 00
27	Charles B. Moseley, Lilyan H. Moseley,	
	N. Maria Moseley	
	High School Land (Mosley) .....	25,000 00

Feb.

13	Charles E. Stanwood, Treasurer,	
	Loan to Water Department .....	2,500 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Interest due March 1, 1923, on \$5,000	
	3½% Reg. Certs. 1, 2, 3, and \$8,000	
	4% Reg. Bonds 47-54 inc. Refund-	
	ing Loan .....	247 50
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company	
	Coupon Interest due March 1, 1923 on	
	\$16,000 3½% and \$54,000 4% Bonds	
	Refunding Loan .....	1,360 00

Feb.

13	Holyoke Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Interest due March 1, 1923, on \$7,000 4% Bonds Nos. 24-30 inc. Refund- ing Loan .....	\$140 00
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company, Coupon Interest due March 1, 1923, on \$6,000 4% Bonds Nos. 9-20 inc. Public Library Loan .....	120 00
	Mrs. Elizabeth R. Stevens Interest due March 1, 1923, on \$10,000 4½% notes Nos. 216-225 inc. County Hospital Loan .....	225 00

March

1	Frank E. Saunders, Refund portion 2d Class Garage Li- cense paid in 1922 .....	10 00
7	Charles E. Stanwood, Treasurer, Loan to Water Department .....	2,500 00
	Glover Home and Hospital, Abatement 1922 tax .....	227 65
23	Ruth Moseley as guardian of John B. Moseley, Release of Minor's interest in High School Lot .....	10 00
28	Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Recording deeds, etc., account High School Land .....	3 01
16	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company, Coupon interest due April 1, 1923 on \$42,000 5% Bonds School Building Loan—Wm. Carter and \$118,000 5% Bonds Special Act 1921 School Building Loan —Wm. Carter .....	4,000 00
	Bonds 4-6 inc. maturing April 1, 1923 —\$45,000 Issue .....	3,000 00
	Bonds 8-14 inc. maturing April 1, 1923 —\$125,000 Issue .....	7,000 00

April

7	Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Recording deed account Moseley Land	1 34
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## April

11	Director of Accounts, Certification tax notes 47-51 inc.....	\$10 00
16	C. D. Parker & Company, Inc., Interest on tax notes 47-51 inc. @ 4.35 discount each \$10,000 due Dec. 14, 1923 .....	1,462 08
18	Treasurer of Needham, Loan to Water Department .....	2,500 00
26	Commonwealth of Massachusetts Corporation tax-public service .....	10 64

## May

23	Director of Accounts Certification tax notes 52-64 inc.....	26 00
31	C. D. Parker & Company, Inc. Discount on tax notes \$50,000 @ 4.32 due Dec. 14, 1923 .....	1,194 00

## June

4	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. Coupon Interest due June 15, 1923 on \$32,500 $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ Bonds High School Land (\$195.67 of this amount charged against Reserve for Interest Payment) .....	690 63
	C. D. Parker & Co., Inc. Discount on tax notes 55-59 inc. \$10,000 each due May 22, 1924 @ $4.34\%$ .....	2,127 80
5	John L. Twigg, Collector, 1922 tax on tax title accounts .....	241 48
6	C. D. Parker & Co., Inc. Discount on tax notes 60-64 inc. \$10,000 each due May 22, 1924 @ $4.34\%$ .....	2,115 75
14	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Interest due July 1, 1923 on \$3000 $4\%$ Reg. Certs. 24-26 inc. School Build- ing Loan (Avery) .....	60 00
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Coupon Interest due July 1, 1923 on \$25,000 $4\%$ New Primary School Building Loan (Palmer).....	500 00

June

14	Bond maturing July 1, 1923 New Primary School Building Loan (Palmer)	\$2,500 00
	Hibernia Savings Bank,	
	Interest due July 1, 1923 on \$500 note No. 41 4% School Land Loan (Green's Field) .....	10 00
	Mrs. Mary P. Webber,	
	Interest due July 1, 1923 on \$1,500 4% notes 39-40-42 School Land Loan (Green's Field) .....	30 00
	Note No. 39 maturing July 1, 1923 School Land Loan (Green's Field) ..	500 00
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	
	Interest due July 1, 1923 on \$3,000 4% notes 43-49 inc. School Land Loan (Green's Field) .....	60 00
	Federal Trust Company,	
	Note No. 204 Street Widening and Construction Loan maturing July 1, 1923 .....	1,400 00
	Wellington Wells,	
	Interest due July 1, 1923 on \$1,400 4½% note No. 204 Street Widening and Construction Loan .....	31 50
	Dana D. Brayton, E. H. Brayton, Trustees	
	Interest due July 1, 1923 on \$4,200 4½% notes 205-7 inc. Street Widening and Construction Loan .....	94 50
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Interest due July 1, 1923, on \$1,400 4½% note No. 208 Street Widening and Construction Loan .....	31 50
	Murray A. Damon,	
	Interest due July 1, 1923 on \$2,800 4½% notes 209-210 Street Widening and Construction Loan .....	63 00
20	Director of Accounts	
	Certification tax notes 65-69 inc.....	10 00
25	C. D. Parker & Co., Inc.,	
	Discount on tax notes 65-69 inc. \$10,000 each @ 4.325% .....	2,162 50

June

28 Mrs. Jennie D. Stanwood,  
Purchase land corner Greendale  
Avenue and High Street ..... \$85 00

6 Old Colony Trust Company,  
Charge Reserve for Bond Payment  
(High School account) ..... 550 00  
Tax Note No. 40 dated June 6, 1922 . 25,000 00  
Tax Note No. 41 dated June 6, 1922 . 25,000 00  
Tax Note No. 42 dated June 6, 1922 . 25,000 00  
Tax Note No. 43 dated June 6, 1922 . 10,000 00  
Tax Note No. 44 dated June 6, 1922 . 10,000 00  
Tax Note No. 45 dated June 6, 1922 . 5,000 00  
Tax Note No. 46 dated Sept. 19, 1922 50,000 00

Aug.

13 Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
Interest due Sept. 1, 1923 on \$5,000  
3½% Reg. Certs. 1-2-3 and \$8,000  
4% Reg. Bonds 47-54 inc. Refund-  
ing Loan ..... 247 50

13 Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company,  
Coupon Interest due Sept. 1, 1923 on  
\$16,000 3½% and \$54,000 4% Bonds  
Refunding Loan ..... 1,360 00  
Holyoke Mutual Fire Insurance Co.,  
Interest due Sept. 1, 1923 on \$7,000  
4% Bonds 24-30 inc. Refunding  
Loan ..... 140 00  
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company,  
Coupon Interest due Sept. 1, 1923 on  
\$6,000 4% Bonds 9-20 inc. Public  
Library Loan ..... 120 00  
Bond No. 9 Public Library Loan ma-  
turing Sept. 1, 1923 ..... 500 00  
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Stevens,  
Interest due Sept. 1, 1923 on \$10,000  
4½% notes 216-225 inc. County  
Hospital Loan ..... 225 00  
Federal National Bank,  
Note No. 216 maturing Sept. 1, 1923  
County Hospital Loan ..... 1,000 00

Aug.

13	Commonwealth of Massachusetts Reg. Cert. No. 34 Water Loan matur- ing Sept. 1, 1923 .....	\$1,000 00
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Bonds maturing Sept. 1, 1923 Water Loan .....	7,000 00
	Commissioner of Sinking Fund, City of Worcester, Mass., Bonds No. 164-165 Water Loan ma- turing Sept. 1, 1923 .....	2,000 00
15	Director of Accounts Certification tax notes 70-74 inc.....	10 00
20	C. D. Parker & Co., Inc., Discount on tax notes 70 and 71 \$10,000 each due June 19, 1924 @ 4.35% .....	734 66
23	Treasurer of Needham, Loan to Water Department .....	1,000 00
28	C. D. Parker & Co., Inc., Discount on Tax Notes 72-73-74 \$10,000 each due June 19, 1924 @ 4.35% .....	1,072 98
29	Treasurer of Needham Loan to Water Department .....	1,500 00
13	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company, Coupon Interest due October 1, 1923 on \$39,000 5% Bonds School Build- ing Loan (Wm. Carter) .....	975 00
	Coupon Interest due October 1, 1923 on \$111,000 5% Bonds (Special Act 1921 School Building Loan (Wm. Carter) .....	2,775 00
	Coupon Interest due October 1, 1923 on \$280,000 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Bonds Needham School Loan Acts of 1923-Chapter 173 (\$628.07 chgd. against Reserve for Bond Interest Payment) .....	5,950 00
19	Treasurer of Needham Loan to Water Department .....	500 00
26	Director of Accounts, Certification Tax Notes 75-79 inc. ...	10 00



Oct.

1	C. D. Parker & Co., Inc., Discount on Tax Notes No. 75 and 76 \$1,500 each due May 22, 1924 @ 4.35% .....	\$706 88
4	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Corporation Tax, Public Service, 1921 Corporation Tax, Public Service, 1922	25 73 10 78
	C. D. Parker & Co., Inc. Discount on Tax Note No. 77 \$10,000 due June 19, 1924 @ 4.35% .....	312 96
9	C. D. Parker & Co., Inc., Discount on Tax Notes No. 78 and 79 \$10,000 and \$5,000 each respec- tively due June 19, 1924 @ 4.35% .	460 37
16	John L. Twigg, Collector, 1922 tax on tax title accounts .....	10 88

Nov.

15	Treasurer of Norfolk County, County tax 1923 .....	18,002 63
	County Hospital tax.....	5,018 62
21	Treasurer of Needham, Loan to Water Department .....	1,000 00
22	Treasurer of Commonwealth of Mass. State Tax .....	23,520 00
	Charles River Basin Loan Fund—In- terest on .....	456 30
	Charles River Basin Loan Fund—Cost of Maintenance .....	768 92
	Charles River Basin Loan Fund— Serial Bonds.....	39 85
	Metropolitan Parks Loan Sinking Fund .....	194 95
	Metropolitan Parks Loan Sinking Fund—Interest on .....	1,392 34
	Metropolitan Parks Loan Sinking Fund—Cost of Maintenance.....	3,196 61
	Metropolitan Parks Loan Sinking Fund—Serial Bonds .....	66 75
	Metropolitan Parks Loan Sinking Fund, Series 2 .....	45 96

Nov.

## 22 Treasurer of Commonwealth of Mass.—

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Metropolitan Parks Loan Sinking Fund, Series 2—Interest on .....	\$445 74
Metropolitan Parks Loan Sinking Fund, Series 2—Cost of Maint. ....	1,591 30
Metropolitan Parks Loan Sinking Fund, Series 2—Serial Bonds .....	149 32
Metropolitan Parks Loan Fund—Nantasket Maintenance .....	255 96
Wellington Bridge—Cost of Maint....	14 32
Auditing Municipal Accounts .....	75 58
Repairs State Highways .....	1,017 50
Soldiers' Exemption .....	22 06
Civilian War Poll Tax .....	6,108 00

23 John L. Twigg, Collector, 1922 tax on tax title accounts .....	176 45
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Dec.

1 Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Coupon Interest due Dec. 15, 1923 on \$32,500 $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ Bonds High School Land .....	690 62
Bonds High School Land maturing Dec. 15, 1923 (\$162.50 charged against Reserve for Bond Payment)	4,500 00
James F. Rollins .....	29 70
Central Railway Signal Co. ....	125 49
Stanley B. Swain .....	29 70
George K. Clarke .....	3 26
Frank E. Porter.....	6 69
Abatement account 1923 tax	
5 William Glancy heirs, Abatement account 1923 tax	41 58
17 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Interest due Jan. 1, 1924 on \$3,000 4% Reg. Certs. 24-26 inc. School Building Loan (Avery) .....	60 00
Reg. Cert. No. 24 Maturing Jan. 1, 1924 School Building Loan (Avery)	1,000 00

Dec.

17	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Coupon Interest due Jan. 1, 1924 on \$22,500 4% Bonds New Primary School Building Loan (Palmer) . . . .	\$450 00
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Tr. u/w James Edwards, Interest due Jan. 1, 1924 on \$3,000 4% notes 43-48 inc. School Land Loan (Green's Field) . . . . .	60 00
	Dana D. Brayton, Elizabeth H. Brayton, Trustees, Interest due Jan. 1, 1924 on \$4,200 4½% notes 205-207 inc., Street Widening and Construction Loan . .	94 50
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Interest due Jan. 1, 1924 on \$1,400 4½% note No. 208 Street Widening and Construction Loan . . . . .	31 50
	Murray A. Damon, Interest due Jan. 1, 1924 on \$2,800 4½% notes 209 and 210 Street Widening and Construction Loan . .	63 00
	Mrs. Mary P. Webber, Interest due Jan. 1, 1924 on \$1,000 4% notes No. 40 and 42 School Land Loan (Green's Field) . . . . .	20 00
	Hibernia Savings Bank, Interest due Jan. 1, 1924 on Note No. 41 \$500 School Land Loan (Green's Field) . . . . .	10 00
31	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Corporation tax Public Service 1921..	84 00
13	Old Colony Trust Company, Tax notes due December 14, 1923, No. 47 dated April 9, 1923 . . . . .	10,000 00
	No. 48 dated April 9, 1923 . . . . .	10,000 00
	No. 49 dated April 9, 1923 . . . . .	10,000 00
	No. 50 dated April 9, 1923 . . . . .	10,000 00
	No. 51 dated April 9, 1923 . . . . .	10,000 00
	No. 52 dated May 22, 1923 . . . . .	25,000 00
	No. 53 dated May 22, 1923 . . . . .	15,000 00
	No. 54 dated May 22, 1923 . . . . .	10,000 00

Dec.

31 Auditor's orders for,		
Selectmen's Department .....	\$142,613	38
School Department .....	137,853	80
Poor Department .....	14,351	53
Library Department .....	7,019	46
Health Department .....	2,951	66
Deficiency .....	3,846	43
Park Department .....	803	04
Tree Warden Department .....	827	21
Moth Department .....	7,254	42
State and Military Aid .....	1,151	00
A. E. Eaton—Damages relocation		
High Street .....	450	00
Appropriation for piano .....	1,000	00
Police Department car .....	1,100	00
High School account .....	123,412	07
Memorial Park .....	3,499	78
Kingsbury Ledge appropriation .....	1,000	00
Harris Avenue .....	14,029	23
Central Avenue .....	6,000	00
American Legion Headquarters .....	5,000	00
Sewerage Committee .....	2,267	98
Town Planning Board .....	26	25
Kimball School .....	7,488	28
Award account laying out Central		
Avenue .....	5,030	00
License Revoked .....	1	00
Cash balance December 31, 1923		
Needham Trust Company .....	82,890	11
Liberty Trust Company (High School		
account) .....	10,074	80
Old Colony Trust Company .....	28,838	94
Federal National Bank .....	9,970	09
Old Colony Trust Co., (High School		
account)* .....	156,021	82
	<u>\$1,200,153</u>	<u>99</u>

\*\$628.07 due General Fund account interest received at time of sale of \$280,000 School Bonds.

# RECAPITULATION

## Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Needham January 1, 1923, to December 31, 1923.

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Cash on hand January 1, 1923 .....	\$65,029 21
Refund on account of Fire Department ....	43 50
Refund on account of Fire Alarm Department ...	5 00
Refund on account of Police Department ...	10 75
Refund on account of School Department ...	216 43
Refund on account of Vocational School ...	997 25
Refund on account of Poor Department ....	4,620 17
Refund on account of Highway Department ...	1,086 25
Refund on account of Library Department ..	575 64
Refund on account of Moth Department ...	48 04
Refund on account of Health Department...	322 15
Refund on account of Elections and Registra- tion .....	3 25
Refund on account of Selectmen's Depart- ment .....	3 75
Refund on account of Tree Warden Depart- ment .....	3 00
Commissioners' Award account Central Avenue Construction 1922 .....	500 00
Commissioners' Award account Chestnut Street Bridge .....	3,533 95
Interest on Bank Balances .....	1,560 84
Rental of Town Hall .....	1,506 50
Taxes for 1921 .....	153 88
Interest on taxes for 1921 .....	39 45
Taxes for 1922 .....	98,108 45
Interest on taxes for 1922 .....	2,790 29
Taxes for 1923 .....	277,242 74
Interest on taxes for 1923 .....	244 33
Sidewalk tax .....	149 10
Interest on Sidewalk tax .....	82
Street betterments .....	1,725 59
Interest on betterments .....	63 35
Tax certificates .....	15 00
1923 tax on land taken for water purposes ..	642 26
Income tax 1921 and prior years .....	756 00

Income tax 1922 .....	\$882 00
Income tax 1923 .....	26,840 96
Street Railway tax .....	13 87
Interest on Street Railway tax .....	07
Corporation tax, domestic and foreign .....	15,771 19
Corporation tax, public service .....	3,931 83
National Bank tax .....	418 66
State and military aid .....	956 50
Loans to Water Department returned .....	11,500 00
Interest received on above loans .....	148 94
Temporary Loans on 1923 taxes .....	350,000 00
Inspection fees .....	696 00
Dog licenses .....	733 54
License fees .....	357 10
Public Library fines .....	323 00
Jail and House of Correction fines .....	1,408 50
Income from Greenwood Fund .....	549 12
Income from Martha Ann Barr Fund .....	20 00
Income from Dwight School Fund .....	210 00
Copy of Bi-Centennary .....	2 00
Sale of lots 366-393 inc. and 396 Fremont Park .....	432 05
Sale of lot 304 Fremont Park .....	44 86
4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % High School Land Bonds dated Dec. 15, 1922 .....	32,500 00
Reserve for Bond Payment (High School Land) .....	162 50
Reserve for Interest Payment (High School Land) .....	195 67
4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Needham School Loan, Acts of 1923, Chap. 173 .....	280,000 00
Reserve for Bond Payment (Needham School Loan) .....	3,292 80
Reserve for Interest Payment (Needham School Loan) .....	628 07
High School account (interest received) ....	6,137 82
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State tax 1923 .....	\$23,520 00
County tax 1923 .....	18,002 63
Matured Water bonds .....	10,000 00



Matured Public Library bonds .....	\$500 00
Matured New Primary School bonds .....	2,500 00
Matured School Land Loan .....	500 00
Matured School Building bonds .....	1,000 00
Matured County Hospital Loan .....	1,000 00
Matured Street Widening and Construction Loan .....	1,400 00
Matured William Carter School bonds .....	10,000 00
Matured High School Land bonds .....	4,500 00
(\$162.50 of this amount charged against premium received at time bonds were sold)	
Interest on Public Library bonds .....	240 00
Interest on New Primary School bonds .....	950 00
Interest on School Land Loan .....	190 00
Interest on School Building Loan .....	120 00
Interest on Street Widening and Construction Loan .....	409 50
Interest on County Hospital Loan .....	450 00
Interest on Refunding bonds .....	3,495 00
Interest on Wm. Carter School bonds .....	7,750 00
Interest on High School Land Loan .....	1,381 25
(\$195.67 of this amount charged against accrued interest received at time bonds were sold)	
Interest on Needham School Loan Acts of 1923 .....	5,950 00
(\$628.07 of this amount charged against accrued interest received at time bonds were sold)	
Interest on temporary loans .....	12,349 98
Temporary loans 1922 .....	150,000 00
Temporary loans 1923 .....	100,000 00
County Hospital expense .....	5,018 62
Charles River Basin expense .....	1,265 07
Metropolitan Park expense .....	7,353 25
Repairs State Highways .....	1,017 50
Soldiers' exemption .....	22 06
Civilian War Poll Tax .....	6,108 00
Auditing Municipal accounts .....	75 58
Taxes refunded .....	464 07
Corporation tax, public service .....	131 15
Greenwood Fund income .....	552 89
Barr Fund income .....	20 00
Release Minor's Interest in High School Lot .....	10 00
Recording Deeds High School Land .....	4 35

License revoked .....	\$1 00
Certification tax notes .....	66 00
Refund account 2d class garage license .....	10 00
1922 tax on tax title accounts .....	428 81
Expense of issue and sale of High School bonds (Charged against amount received as pre- mium when bonds were sold)	550 00
Loans to Water Department .....	11,500 00
Purchase land corner Greendale Avenue and High Street .....	85 00
Award account laying out Central Avenue ..	5,030 00
Purchase High School Land .....	32,500 00
Auditor's orders .....	483,936 52
Cash on hand December 31, 1923 .....	287,795 76
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	\$1,200,153 99
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## BOND ACCOUNT

January 1, 1924

	Outstanding	1924 Payments
School Building Loan 4% Avery School .....	\$2,000 00	
Interest due July 1, 1924 .....		\$40 00
Interest due January 1, 1925 .		40 00
Maturing bond January 1, 1925		1,000 00
 New Primary School Building Loan 4% Palmer School ...	 22,500 00	
Interest due July 1, 1924 .....		450 00
Maturing bonds July 1, 1924 .		2,500 00
Interest due January 1, 1925 .		400 00
 School Land Loan, 4% Green Field .....	 4,500 00	
Interest due July 1, 1924 .....		90 00
Maturing Bonds July 1, 1924		500 00
Interest due January 1, 1925 .		80 00

	Outstanding	1924 Payments
Public Library Loan, 4% . . . . .	\$5,500 00	
Interest due March 1, 1924 . . .		\$110 00
Interest due September 1, 1924 . .		110 00
Maturing Bond September 1, 1924 . . . . .		500 00
Street Widening and Construction		
Loan 4½%, High Rock Street . . . . .	8,400 00	
Interest due July 1, 1924 . . . . .		189 00
Maturing note July 1, 1924 . . . . .		1,400 00
Interest due January 1, 1925 . . . . .		157 50
Hospital Loan, 4½%, Norfolk County (outside debt limit) . . . . .	9,000 00	
Interest due March 1, 1924 . . . . .		202 50
Interest due September 1, 1924 . . . . .		202 50
Maturing note September 1, 1924 . . . . .		1,000 00
Refunding Loan, 3½% . . . . .	21,000 00	
Refunding Loan, 4% . . . . .	69,000 00	
Interest due March 1, 1924 . . . . .		1,747 50
Interest due September 1, 1924 . . . . .		1,747 50
Water Loan, 4% (Outside Debt limit) . . . . .	129,000 00	
Interest due March 1, 1924 . . . . .		2,580 00
Interest due September 1, 1924 . . . . .		2,580 00
Maturing Bonds September 1, 1924 . . . . .		9,000 00
William Carter School Loan, 5% Bonds (Inside Debt limit) . . . . .	39,000 00	
5% Bonds (Special Act 1921 Outside Debt Limit) . . . . .	111,000 00	
Interest due April 1, 1924 . . . . .		3,750 00
Maturing Bonds April 1, 1924 . . . . .		10,000 00
Interest due October 1, 1924 . . . . .		3,500 00
High School Land Loan, 4¼% . . . . .	28,000 00	
Interest due June 15, 1924 . . . . .		595 00
Interest due December 15, 1924 . . . . .		595 00
Bonds maturing Dec. 15, 1924 . . . . .		4,000 00
Needham School Loan, 4¼%, Acts of 1923, Chap. 173 (Outside Debt Limit) . . . . .	280,000 00	
Interest due April 1, 1924 . . . . .		5,950 00
Maturing Bonds April 1, 1924 . . . . .		14,000 00
Interest due October 1, 1924 . . . . .		5,652 50

**SUMMARY**

Bonds Outstanding	
Outside Debt limit	\$529,000 00
Inside Debt limit	199,900 00
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	\$728,900 00
Bonds maturing in 1924	43,900 00
Interest payments in 1924 from	
taxation	25,609 00
Interest payments in 1924 from	
Water Department	5,160 00

**DWIGHT SCHOOL FUND**

DR.

1923		
Jan. 1	Six \$1,000 3½% Refunding Bonds ...	\$6,000 00
	Income March and September	210 00
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		\$6,210 00

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Nov. 19	Cash deposited in general fund for	
	benefit of School Department	210 00
Dec. 31	Six \$1,000 3½% Refunding Bonds ...	6,000 00
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		\$6,210 00

**MARY VIRGINIA HILL FUND**

1923		
Jan. 1	Original fund	\$500 00
	Income, 1916	\$18 43
	Income, 1917	20 80
	Income, 1918	21 60
	Income, 1919	22 60
	Income, 1920	23 50
	Income, 1921	24 40
	Income, 1922	25 40
	Income, 1923	26 40
		<hr/>
		183 13
Dec. 31	Balance in Savings Department	
	Needham Trust Co.	\$683 13

**GREENWOOD FUND**

1923

Jan.	1	Original fund .....		\$12,482 11
		Income, 1917 .....	\$467 03	
		Income, 1918 .....	540 01	
		Income, 1919 .....	524 18	
		Income, 1920 .....	544 41	
		Income, 1921 .....	551 70	
		Income, 1922 .....	552 89	
		Income, 1923 .....	549 12	

The income for 1917 to 1922 inclusive has been deposited in the General Fund for the benefit of the Public Library. Five hundred and forty-nine dollars and twelve cents will be deposited for the benefit of the Library in 1924.

The original fund is invested as follows:

Citizens National Bank, Savings Department ..	\$51 11
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank .....	1,837 82
Suffolk Savings Bank .....	1,833 32
Natick Five Cents Savings Bank .....	1,355 03
Newton Savings Bank .....	1,040 40
Home Savings Bank .....	1,191 76
West Newton Savings Bank .....	1,086 86
Dedham Savings Bank .....	1,085 81
Liberty Bonds 4½'s .....	3,000 00
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	\$12,482 11

**MARTHA ANN BARR FUND**

1923

Jan.	1	Original Fund (Needham Trust Co., Savings Department) .....	\$500 00
		Income, 1920 .....	\$13 33
		Income, 1921 .....	20 00
		Income, 1922 .....	20 00
		Income, 1923 .....	20 00

The income for 1920 to 1922 inclusive has been deposited in the General Fund for the benefit of the Public Library. Twenty dollars will be deposited for the benefit of the Library in 1924.

## WATER DEPARTMENT

CHARLES E. STANWOOD, *Treasurer*,

In account with the Town of Needham,

January 1, 1923 to January 1, 1924.

1923

Jan.

DR.

1	Cash on hand .....	\$2,442 53
31	Meter Rentals .....	2 71
	Water tax .....	130 16
	Department .....	35 27

Feb.

28	Meter rentals .....	5 77
	Water tax .....	116 06
	Repairs .....	2 50
	Department .....	15 48
	Sale of cinders .....	6 00
	Rent .....	12 00
	Loan from General Fund .....	2,500 00

Mar.

31	Meter rentals .....	2 00
	Water tax .....	27 11
	Rent .....	12 00
	Loan from General Fund .....	2,500 00

April

18	Loan from General Fund .....	2,500 00
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May

31	Meter rentals .....	198 55
	Water tax .....	2,573 70
	Repairs .....	32 05
	Department .....	32 56
	Rent .....	24 00
	Sale of cinders .....	4 00

June

30	Meter rentals .....	633 00
	Water tax .....	8,455 42
	Repairs .....	122 04
	Department .....	56 60
	Sale of old pipe .....	83 13
	Rent .....	12 00
	Interest on daily balances .....	17 75



## July

31	Meter rentals .....	\$264 88
	Water tax .....	3,938 97
	Repairs .....	43 52
	Department .....	40 83
	Rent .....	12 00
	Sale of cinders .....	2 00

## Aug.

31	Meter rentals .....	229 99
	Water tax .....	2,778 24
	Repairs .....	93 34
	Department .....	738 46
	Rent .....	12 00
	Loan from General Fund .....	2,500 00

## Sept.

30	Meter rentals .....	229 41
	Water tax .....	2,919 76
	Repairs .....	54 89
	Department .....	214 37
	Rent .....	12 00
	Loan from General Fund .....	500 00

## Oct.

31	Meter rentals .....	78 56
	Water tax .....	1,028 34
	Repairs .....	34 92
	Department .....	90 00
	Rent .....	12 00

## Nov.

30	Meter rentals .....	15 08
	Water tax .....	1,236 28
	Repairs .....	17 00
	Department .....	104 79
	Rent .....	12 00
	Sale of grass .....	10 00
	Loan from General Fund .....	1,000 00

## Dec.

31	Meter rentals .....	81 73
	Water tax .....	4,125 74
	Repairs .....	58 10
	Department .....	1,584 77

Dec.

31	Rent .....	\$24 00
	Sale of cinders .....	2 00
	Interest on daily balances .....	23 89
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		\$46,678 25
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1923

Feb.

13	Commissioners of Sinking Fund, City of Worcester, Mass.,	
	Interest due March 1, 1923 on \$2,000 4% Reg. Bonds 164, 165 Water Loan.....	\$40 00
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.,	
	Coupon interest due March 1, 1923 on \$53,000 4% Bonds Water Loan.....	1,060 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
	Interest due March 1, 1923 on \$69,000 4% Reg. Certs. 34-50 inc. and \$15,000 4% Reg. Bonds 256-271 inc. Water Loan .....	1,680 00

June

20	Treasurer of Needham,	
	Loans from General Fund returned .....	5,000 00
	Interest on above loans.....	72 20

July

11	Treasurer of Needham,	
	Loan from General Fund returned .....	2,500 00
	Interest on above .....	26 25

Aug.

13	Commissioners of Sinking Fund, City of Worcester, Mass.,	
	Interest due Sept. 1, 1923 on \$2,000 4% Reg. Bonds 164, 165 Water Loan .....	40 00
	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company,	
	Coupon interest due Sept. 1, 1923 on \$53,000 4% Bonds Water Loan.....	1,060 00

Aug.

13 Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
Interest due Sept. 1, 1923 on \$69,000 4%	
Reg. Certs. 34-50 inc. and \$15,000 4%	
Reg. Bonds 256-271 inc. Water Loan..	\$1,680 00

Dec.

31 Treasurer of Needham,	
Loans from General Fund returned .....	4,000 00
Interest on above loans.....	50 49
Total Auditor's Orders .....	28,648 90
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	\$45,857 84

Balance, December 31, 1923

Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. ....	820 41
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\$46,678 25

## SUMMARY

DR.

Cash on hand, January 1, 1923 .....	\$2,442 53
Meter rentals .....	1,741 68
Water tax .....	27,329 78
Repairs .....	458 36
Department .....	2,913 13
Sale of cinders .....	14 00
Rent .....	144 00
Loans from General Fund .....	11,500 00
Sale of old pipe.....	83 13
Interest on daily balances .....	41 64
Sale of grass .....	10 00
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	\$46,678 25

CR.

Interest on Bonds .....	\$5,560 00
Interest on Loans from General Fund .....	148 94
Loans from General Fund returned .....	11,500 00
Auditor's Orders on Department .....	28,648 90
Cash on hand December 31, 1923 .....	820 41
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	\$46,678 25

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1924

## CURRENT RESOURCES

Cash at hand, General .....	\$121,699 14
Uncollected tax 1923 .....	125,111 64
Interest on same .....	1,475 10
Uncollected tax 1921 and 1922 \$18,218 88	
Less estimated abatement .... 8,981 13	
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	9,237 75
Refund account State and military aid .....	800 00
Refund account Poor Department .....	2,500 00
Refund account dog license fees .....	753 35
Refund account Central Avenue Construc- tion .....	3,000 00
Due from High School Fund .....	628 07
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	<u>\$265,205 05</u>

## CURRENT LIABILITIES

Temporary Loans .....	\$250,000 00
Library Department (Special income 1923)	569 12
Special appropriations (Not expended in 1923) .....	2,200 00
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	\$252,769 12
Surplus January 1, 1924 .....	12,435 93
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	<u>\$265,205 05</u>

NOTE:—This statement is made for the purpose of showing that there is sufficient at hand to pay the current obligations as voted by the Town, and does not represent a true surplus balance.

In accordance with vote of town December 4, 1922, \$32,500  $4\frac{1}{4}\%$  Bonds were issued dated December 15, 1922, payable \$4,500, December 15, 1923, and \$4,000 each year on December 15th for seven years.

This issue was sold to C. D. Parker & Co., Inc., and cash received on February 5, 1923, as follows:

Principal .....	\$32,500 00	
Premium.....	162 50	
Accrued interest .....	195 67	
		<u>\$32,858 17</u>

This issue is within the debt limit.

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In accordance with vote of town, April 9th, 1923, \$280,000  $4\frac{1}{4}\%$  Bonds were issued dated April 1, 1923, payable \$14,000 each year for twenty years beginning April 1st, 1924.

This issue was sold to Old Colony Trust Company and cash received on April 20th, 1923, as follows:

Principal .....	\$280,000 00	
Premium.....	3,292 80	
Accrued interest .....	628 07	
		<u>\$283,920 87</u>

This issue is outside debt limit as authorized by Chapter 173, Acts of 1923.

### SHOWING DEBT LIMIT

January 1, 1924

Assessors' valuation for year 1921, less abatements of assessments to December 31, 1923 .....	\$11,305,799 25
Assessors' valuation for year 1922, less abatements of assessments to December 31, 1923 .....	11,773,242 00
Assessors' valuation for year 1923, less abatements of assessments to December 31, 1923 .....	12,667,102 48
Gross net valuation three years .....	<u>\$35,746,143 73</u>
Average valuation.....	<u>11,915,381 24</u>
Three per cent equals.....	\$357,461 44

Total debt of all kinds incurred  
and outstanding ..... \$728,900  
Debts authorized but not yet in-  
curred ..... None

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\$728,900

Less Debt outside debt limit,  
itemized as follows:

Water Debt, Acts  
1888, Chap. 107 and  
subsequent acts re-  
lating thereto..... \$129,000

County Hospital, Acts  
1916, Chap. 286 ... 9,000

School Building, Acts  
1921, Chap. 26 .... 111,000

School Building, Acts  
1923, Chap. 173 ... 280,000

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\$529,000

Total Debt outstanding plus debts  
authorized but not yet incurred,  
within debt limit ..... \$199,900

Less sinking funds applicable debt  
within limit ..... None

Leaves Net Debt plus authorized Debts to be  
reckoned in determining Debt Limit .... \$199,900 00

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Borrowing capacity as of December 31, 1923 \$157,561 44

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. STANWOOD,

Town Treasurer.



**COLLECTOR'S REPORT****1923****Debit**

To 1923 tax committed.....	\$390,592.15	
To 1923 Moth tax committed.....	2,899.96	
To 1923 Sidewalk tax and Betterment tax .....	2,454.18	
To Interest 1923 tax to Jan. 1, 1924	244.33	
To Interest 1923 tax accrued.....	1,475.10	
	<hr/>	\$397,665.72

**Credit**

By cash paid Town Treas., for 1923 tax .....	\$274,223.38	
By cash paid Town Treas. for Moth Tax .....	2,215.54	
By cash paid Town Treas. for 1923 Sidewalk and Betterment Tax.	1,254.28	
By cash paid Town Treas. for Interest 1923 tax.....	244.33	
By Abatement 1923 tax.....	3,080.92	
By Abatement 1923 Moth tax....	29.33	
By Abatement 1923 Sidewalk and Betterment tax .....	34.05	
By Bal. 1923 tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1924 .....	113,287.85	
By Bal. 1923 Moth Tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1924 .....	655.09	
By Bal. 1923 Sidewalk and Betterment tax uncol. Jan. 1, 1924..	1,165.85	
By Interest 1923 Tax to Jan. 1, 1924, uncollected .....	1,475.10	
	<hr/>	\$397,665.72

**Betterments****HILLSIDE AVENUE AND HUNNEWELL STREET,  
SIDEWALK****Debit**

To Tax committed.....	\$579.67
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**Credit**

By Cash paid .....	\$83.25	
By Abatement for reassessment..	45.94	
	<hr/>	\$129.19
By Bal. uncollected .....		450.48
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		\$579.67

CHESTNUT STREET AND GREAT PLAIN AVENUE,  
SIDEWALK AND DRAIN

	Debit	
To Tax committed .....		\$493.94
	Credit	
By Bal. uncollected .....		\$493.94

## GREAT PLAIN AVENUE, SIDEWALK

	Debit	
To Tax committed .....		\$2,214.99
	Credit	
By Abatement for reassessment..		1,194.30
By Bal. uncollected .....		1,020.69
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		\$2,214.99

## HARRIS AVENUE STREET BETTERMENT

	Debit	
To Tax committed .....		\$14,709.08
	Credit	
By Abatement for reassessment .		11,210.19
By Bal. uncollected .....		3,498.89
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		\$14,709.08

## HARRIS AVENUE SIDEWALK

	Debit	
To Tax committed .....		\$3,110.98
	Credit	
By Abatement for reassessment..		2,132.87
By Bal. uncollected .....		978.11
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		\$3,110.98

## FAIR OAKS PARK STREET BETTERMENT

	Debit	
To Tax committed .....		\$3,496.03
	Credit	
By Abatement for reassessment..		1,936.80
By Bal. uncollected .....		1,559.23
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		\$3,496.03

## FAIR OAKS PARK SIDEWALK

	Debit	
To Tax committed .....		\$747.23
	Credit	
By Abatement for reassessment..		304.07
By Bal. uncollected .....		443.16
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		\$747.23

HENRY GODFREY, JR.,  
Tax Collector.

**1921**

## Debit

To Bal. of Tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1923 .....	\$8,964.51	
To Interest 1921 tax to Jan. 1, 1924 .....	39.45	
	<hr/>	\$9,003.96

## Credit

By Cash paid Town Treas. for Tax .....	\$153.88	
By Abatements .....	189.38	
By Cash paid Town Treas. for Interest .....	39.45	
By Bal. uncollected .....	8,621.25	
	<hr/>	\$9,003.96

**1922**

## Debit

To Bal. Tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1923 .....	\$107,171.54	
To Bal. Moth Tax uncollected Jan. 1, 1923 .....	669.51	
To Bal. Sidewalk and Betterment Tax uncol. Jan. 1, 1923 .....	667.97	
To Interest to Jan. 1, 1924 .....	2,790.29	
	<hr/>	\$111,299.31

## Credit

By Cash paid Town Treas. for Taxes .....	\$97,992.84	
By Cash paid Town Treas. for Interest .....	2,790.29	
By Abatements .....	918.55	
By Bal. uncollected Jan. 1, 1924 ..	9,597.63	
	<hr/>	\$111,299.31

**Betterments****WEST STREET SIDEWALK**

## Debit

To Bal. uncollected Jan. 1, 1923 ..	18.18	
To Interest .....	.82	
	<hr/>	\$19.00

## Credit

By Cash paid Town Treas. for Tax .....	18.18	
By Cash paid Town Treas. for Interest .....	.82	
	<hr/>	\$19.00

## HIGHLAND AVENUE DRAIN

Debit		
To Bal. uncollected Jan. 1, 1923...	80.00	
	<hr/>	\$80.00
Credit		
By Cash paid Town Treas.....	20.00	
By Abatement for reassessment..	60.00	
	<hr/>	\$80.00

## MAYO AVENUE

Debit		
To Bal. uncollected Jan. 1, 1923...	\$102.00	
To Interest .....	12.24	
	<hr/>	\$114.24
Credit		
By Cash paid Town Treasurer for Tax .....	\$102.00	
By Cash paid Town Treas. for Interest .....	12.24	
	<hr/>	\$114.24

## GREENWOOD AVENUE

Debit		
To Bal. uncollected Jan. 1, 1923..	\$506.79	
To Interest .....	26.95	
	<hr/>	\$533.74
Credit		
By Cash paid Town Treas. for Tax .....	\$371.79	
By Cash paid Town Treas. for Interest .....	26.95	
By Abatement for reassessment..	135.00	
	<hr/>	\$533.74

## KINGSBURY STREET

Debit		
To Bal. uncollected Jan. 1, 1923..	\$659.53	
To Tax committed July, 1923....	326.60	
To Interest .....	6.48	
	<hr/>	\$992.61
Credit		
By Cash paid Town Treas. for Tax .....	\$416.44	
By Cash paid Town Treas. for Interest .....	6.48	
By Abatement for reassessment..	569.69	
	<hr/>	\$992.61

## MELROSE AVENUE

To Bal. uncollected Jan. 1, 1923..	\$1,063.71	
To Interest .....	16.03	
	<hr/>	\$1,079.74
Credit		
By Cash paid Town Treas. for		
Tax .....	\$428.32	
By Cash paid Town Treas. for In-		
terest .....	16.03	
By Abatement for reassessment..	635.39	
	<hr/>	\$1,079.74

## MANNING STREET

Debit		
To Bal. uncollected Jan. 1, 1923...	\$67.50	
To Interest .....	1.65	
	<hr/>	\$69.15
Credit		
By Cash paid Town Treas. for		
Tax .....	\$67.50	
By Cash paid Town Treas. for In-		
terest .....	1.65	
	<hr/>	\$69.15
JOHN L. TWIGG,		
Collector.		

## REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

### Receipts and Expenditures for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

#### RECEIPTS

## General Revenue

## Taxes for 1923

Poll .....	\$9,644 00
Personal .....	42,231 03
Real .....	222,348 35

## Taxes for 1922

Poll .....	411 00
Personal .....	7,222 60
Real .....	89,403 77

## From State

Corporation .....	19,702 02
Street Railway .....	13 87
National Bank .....	418 66
Income .....	16,891 46
On land for water purposes .....	642 26

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 \$408,929 02

## Special Assessments

Moth .....	\$2,881 81
Sidewalk .....	322 92
Street Betterment .....	2,897 42

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 6,102 15

## Licenses and Permits

Junk .....	\$4 00
Sunday Sales .....	62 50
Victuallers .....	15 00
Auto Agents .....	60 00
Hawkers .....	42 00
All Others .....	97 00

## Fines

Court and Jail Fines .....	1,408 50
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 1,689 00

#### DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS

## Tax Collector

Release of Tax Titles .....	\$366 84
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## Town Hall and Grounds

Rentals of Hall .....	1,506 50
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## Police Department

Breakage of Silent Policemen .....	10 75
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## Fire Department

Miscellaneous .....	48 00
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<i>Carried forward</i> .....	\$1,932 09	\$416,720 17
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<i>Broubht forward</i> .....	\$1,932 09	\$416,720 17
Inspection Department		
Building Permits .....	290 00	
Plumbing Permits .....	177 00	
Wiring Permits .....	229 00	
Sealers fees .....	66 10	
Moth Department		
Receipts from State .....	48 04	
Tree Warden Department		
Trimming Tree .....	3 00	
Poor Department		
Reimbursements		
Individuals .....	489 75	
State .....	3,971 37	
Other Towns .....	140 90	
State Aid .....	696 00	
Military Aid .....	242 50	
School Department		
Tuition .....	75 00	
Income Tax, State .....	11,587 50	
Vocational Tuition .....	1,120 50	
Miscellaneous .....	18 18	
Public Library		
Fines .....	323 00	
Board of Health		
Received from State .....	322 15	
Milk and Oleo Licenses .....	10 50	
Unclassified .....	2 00	
		<u>21,744 58</u>

## GRANTS AND GIFTS

Norfolk County		
Dog Tax .....	\$733 54	
Central Avenue reconstruction .....	4,033 95	
State		
Chestnut Street bridge .....	1,073 75	
		<u>5,841 24</u>

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary tax loans .....	\$350,000 00	
Funded loans		
High School land .....	280,000 00	
New High School .....	32,500 00	
Premium on bonds .....	4,279 04	
		<u>666,779 04</u>
<i>Carried forward</i> .....		\$1,111,085 03

## REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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*Brought forward* ..... \$1,111,085 03

## INTEREST

On deposits .....	\$1,709 83	
On deferred taxes .....	3,136 19	
On deferred betterment taxes .....	3 12	
On Greenwood and Barr Funds .....	569 12	
On Dwight School Fund .....	210 00	
On High School Building Fund .....	6,137 82	
On tax titles .....	136 68	
	<hr/>	11,902 76

## REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refund on taxes .....	\$5 00	
	<hr/>	5 00
Cash on hand January 1, 1923 .....		65,029 91
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		\$1,188,022 70

## PAYMENTS

## General Government:

## Selectmen's Department

Salaries .....	\$350 00	
Clerks .....	195 00	
Stationery and postage .....	95 70	
Printing and advertising .....	98 93	
Expense of Town meetings .....	84 50	
Telephones .....	87 18	
	<hr/>	\$911 31
Appropriation .....	\$1,050 00	

## Accounting Department

Salary .....	\$1,500 00	
Stationery and postage .....	49 28	
Repairs on typewriter .....	2 31	
New typewriter (in exchange) .....	97 50	
Express .....	75	
	<hr/>	1,649 84
Appropriation .....	\$1,650 00	

## Treasurer's Department

Salary .....	\$489 11	
Clerk .....	100 00	
Stationery and postage .....	262 42	
Printing .....	12 00	
Telephone .....	11 47	
Bond .....	125 00	
	<hr/>	1,000 00
Appropriation .....	\$1,000 00	

## Finance Committee

Printing reports .....	\$194 00	
	<hr/>	194 00
Appropriation .....	\$250 00	
<i>Carried forward</i> .....		\$3,755 15

<i>Brought forward</i> .....		\$3,755 15
Town Clerk's Department		
Salary .....	\$265 17	
Recording fees .....	301 00	
Stationery and postage .....	100 92	
Printing .....	4 00	
Telephone .....	20 05	
Bond .....	4 00	
Repairs on typewriter .....	4 24	
	<hr/>	699 38
Appropriation .....	\$700 00	
Receipts from licenses .....	291 00	
Election and Registration		
Salaries		
Registrars .....	\$300 00	
Election officers .....	237 38	
Stationery and postage .....	12 90	
Meals .....	33 00	
Posting warrants .....	15 00	
Printing and advertising .....	371 80	
	<hr/>	970 08
Appropriation .....	\$1,100 00	
Collector's Department		
Commissions .....	\$1,686 90	
Bond .....	100 00	
Telephone .....	18 53	
	<hr/>	1,805 43
Appropriation .....	\$2,000 00	
Assessors' Department		
Salaries .....	\$2,100 00	
Stationery and postage .....	144 93	
Printing and advertising .....	32 35	
Poll Tax Lists .....	287 85	
Telephone .....	41 95	
Abstracts .....	140 42	
Auto valuation book .....	15 00	
Mounting plans .....	85 00	
Transportation .....	152 50	
	<hr/>	3,000 00
Appropriation .....	\$3,000 00	
Town Hall and Grounds		
Salary, janitor .....	\$1,285 72	
Extra labor .....	39 50	
Police duty .....	83 34	
Fuel .....	782 65	
Equipment .....	559 72	
Water .....	136 12	
Janitor's supplies .....	113 14	
Building repairs .....	211 57	
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<i>Carried forward</i> .....	\$3,253 56	\$10,230 04

<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$3,211 76	\$10,230 04
Care of grounds .....	20 00	
Removal of ashes .....	17 80	
Boiler inspection .....	4 00	
	<hr/>	3,253 56
Appropriation .....	\$5,755 00	
Earnings from rentals ....	1,506 50	

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

## Police Department

## Salaries

Chief .....	\$2,022 43	
Regular officers .....	6,716 07	
Special officers .....	417 42	
Lockup charges .....	78 35	
Silent policemen .....	333 63	
Equipment for men .....	97 47	
Other equipment .....	273 39	
Auto expenses .....	511 19	
Stationery and postage .....	33 28	
Telephones .....	143 56	
Spotter evidence .....	80 00	
Commitment charges .....	22 00	
Medical aid .....	9 00	
New auto (in exchange) .....	267 00	
Auto lists .....	35 00	
Typewriter .....	15 00	
Repairs on safe .....	7 72	
Miscellaneous .....	14 14	
	<hr/>	11,076 65
Appropriation .....	\$11,077 00	
Receipts from fines .....	1,419 25	
Miscellaneous .....	10 75	

## Fire Department

## Salaries

Engineer .....	\$150 00	
Regular men .....	9,767 71	
Call men .....	2,681 81	
Labor brush fires .....	40 40	
Auto expenses .....	795 47	
Equipment and repairs .....	923 20	
Horses .....	15 00	
Fuel .....	560 98	
Light .....	61 60	
Laundry .....	61 11	
Telephone .....	65 75	
Supplies .....	94 69	
Stationery and printing .....	60 35	
Insurance .....	205 89	
House repairs .....	78 64	
House furnishings .....	64 18	
Taxi service .....	9 35	
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<i>Carried forward</i> .....	\$15,636 13	\$24,560 25

<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$15,636 13	\$,24560 25
Water .....	18 70	
Miscellaneous .....	11 50	
	<hr/>	\$15,666 33 .
Appropriation .....	\$15,731 00	
Receipts .....	48 00	
Fire Alarm Department		
Equipment and repairs .....	\$1,128 87	
Power for whistle .....	171 65	
Auto expenses .....	118 54	
Tools .....	10 58	
Insurance.....	36 71	
Labor .....	6 00	
	<hr/>	1,472 35
Appropriation .....	1,491 00	
Forest Warden		
Salary Warden .....	\$100 00	
Advertising .....	30 40	
Labor brush fires .....	14 60	
	<hr/>	145 00
Appropriation .....	145 00	
Tree Warden		
Salary Warden .....	\$160 00	
Labor .....	319 25	
Extra labor on trees .....	245 95	
Insecticide .....	6 88	
New Trees .....	200 00	
	<hr/>	932 08
Appropriation .....	945 11	
Received from State .....	3 00	
Inspection Department		
Salaries		
Building Inspector .....	\$310 00	
Plumbing Inspector .....	407 50	
Wiring Inspector .....	706 02	
Cattle .....	150 00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	125 00	
Stationery .....	55 01	
Printing and advertising .....	12 43	
Team hire .....	19 00	
Measures .....	74 50	
Miscellaneous .....	54	
	<hr/>	1,860 00
Appropriation .....	1,860 00	
Receipts		
Building permits .....	290 00	
Plumbing permits .....	177 00	
Wiring.....	228 00	
Sealing fees .....	66 10	
<i>Carried forward</i> .....		<hr/> \$44,636 01

<i>Brought forward</i> .....		\$44,636 01
<b>Moth Department</b>		
Salaries		
Superintendent .....	\$1,488 00	
Labor .....	3,240 05	
Equipment and repairs .....	200 28	
Insecticides .....	911 27	
Hardware and tools .....	63 78	
Auto expenses .....	268 80	
Teams .....	279 88	
Printing and stationery .....	25 21	
Insurance .....	252 11	
Rent .....	120 00	
Telephone .....	18 25	
Auto truck (in exchange) .....	581 06	
Miscellaneous .....	13 82	
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	\$7,462 51	
Charged to public work .....		2,901 84
Charged to private work .....		4,560 67
Appropriation		
Public work .....	\$4,742 59	
Private .....	4,500 00	
Received from State .....	48 04	
<b>Fire Department Automobile</b>		
Chief's car, balance .....	350 00	
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		350 00
Appropriation .....	350 00	
<b>Police Department</b>		
New ambulance .....	\$1,100 00	
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		1,100 00
Appropriation .....	1,100 00	
<b>HEALTH AND SANITATION</b>		
<b>Board of Health</b>		
Salary, Agent .....	\$999 97	
Transportation .....	200 00	
Nurse .....	16 00	
Supplies .....	9 85	
Ambulance .....	18 00	
Rabie treatments .....	50 00	
Hospital expenses, contagious disease ...	925 66	
Stationery and postage .....	18 48	
Miscellaneous .....	4 55	
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		2,242 51
Appropriation .....	\$3,636 50	
Received from State .....	322 15	
<b>Removal of Garbage</b>		
Contract .....	\$709 15	
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		709 15
Appropriation .....	710 00	
<i>Carried forward</i> .....		<hr/>
		\$56,500 18



*Brought forward* ..... \$56,500 18

### CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS BENEFITS

#### Poor Department

Salary, Agent .....	\$300 00
Stationery and postage .....	24 54
Groceries and provisions .....	284 95
Coal and wood .....	377 31
Board and care .....	1,351 81
Medical attendance .....	135 50
Cash allowances .....	247 50
State Institutions .....	625 34
Rent .....	635 00
Miscellaneous .....	33 90

#### Relief

Cities and towns .....	2,182 51
State .....	1,220 83

#### Mothers' Aid

Town .....	2,408 60
Other cities and towns .....	1,884 33
State .....	2,621 26

14,333 38

Appropriation ..... \$16,000 00

#### Reimbursements

From State .....	3,971 37
From other cities and towns .....	140 90
From individuals .....	489 75

#### State Aid

Allowances ..... \$528 00

528 00

Appropriation ..... 900 00

Reimbursement from State ..... 696 00

#### Military Aid

Allowances ..... \$645 00

645 00

Appropriation ..... 500

Reimbursement from State ..... 242 50

#### Soldiers' Relief

Allowances ..... \$802 00

802 00

Appropriation ..... 800 00

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

#### General

Superintendent .....	\$1,036 46
Engineer .....	138 50
Telephone .....	17 20
Printing and stationery .....	68 68
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	\$1,260 84
Labor .....	\$538 66
Teams .....	198 00
Equipment and repairs .....	275 87

*Carried forward* ..... \$1,012 53      \$1,260 84      \$72,808 56

	Superintendent Engineer	Labor	Teams	Sand and Gravel	Tarvia and Binder	Crushed Stone	Equipment and Repairs	Auto and Tractor	Tools	Coal	Repairs	Lumber and Cement	Pipe and Bricks	Grates and Covers	Insurance	Explosives	Contractor	Edgestones	Plowing	Misc.	Total	
General Highway .....	\$1,036 46	\$138 50	\$538 66	\$198 00	\$2,094 25	\$1,456 52	\$275 87	\$1,287 39	\$641 72	\$133 02		\$38 24			\$616 62					\$256 47	\$8,711 72	
Street Cleaning .....			1,681 75	208 00																	1,889 75	
Street Repairs .....			1,687 00	760 00	\$330 20	2,822 79	2,142 31				\$30 50										7,772 80	
Highland Avenue .....			582 36	214 00		2,468 00	17 55			35 55											3,317 46	
Hunnewell Street .....			90 00	40 00		114 00	347 62														591 62	
Webster Street .....			768 00	202 00		1,398 00	2,007 48														4,375 48	
Nehoiden Street .....			375 29	57 00		1,032 00	1,280 12														2,744 41	
Great Plain Avenue .....			1,444 25	615 00		258 96															2,318 21	
Dedham Avenue .....			879 50	214 00		1,351 00	538 31														2,982 81	
Linden Street .....			1,401 13	423 00		720 00															2,544 13	
Charles River Street .....			620 75	189 00		720 00	895 13														2,424 88	
Greendale Avenue .....			368 50	108 00																	476 50	
Crusher Expense .....			278 50				2,373 42	46 78		220 51		23 64				\$162 00				25 90	3,130 75	
Bridges .....						437 18						263 68					\$80 00				780 86	
Drainage .....		35 00					40 19						\$235 03				232 55			11 00	553 77	
Brush .....																				189 70	189 70	
Signs .....																				195 00	195 00	
Sidewalks .....	52 88	629 50	34 41						10 25								10,660 56	\$1,610 86		1 54	13,000 00	
Snow Removal .....	518 29		4,115 34	48 00	85 20		600 15	904 83	78 45										\$3,033 00	46 55	9,429 81	
Total .....	\$1,607 63	\$803 00	\$14,865 44	\$3,276 00	\$415 40	\$12,259 00	\$9,842 22	\$3,289 63	\$2,239 00	\$730 42	\$389 08	\$30 50	\$325 56	\$235 03	\$616 62	\$162 00	\$10,973 11	\$1,610 86	\$3,033 00	\$726 16	\$67,429 66	
Special Appropriations																						
Central Avenue .....	264 40		1,358 92	462 00		1,482 00	2,347 87	40 91		34 65						9 25					6,000 00	
Harris Avenue .....	317 28	488 00	5,227 00	1,893 50	510 64	3,327 60	2,831 69	124 92		201 33			22 12	\$128 75				414 68		189 58	15,677 09	
Fair Oaks Park .....	105 76	110 00	1,407 76	601 75	140 00	1,025 00	1,102 99													6 74	4,500 00	
Great Plain Avenue Walk .....	211 52	40 00	33 95										151 50	77 25			1,093 95	307 50		38 08	1,953 75	
Bradford Street Drain .....	105 76	100 00	474 00	94 00								83 92	1,786 19	309 00			545 41				3,498 28	
Chestnut Street Bridge .....																	3,796 63				3,796 63	
Hillside Avenue Walk .....																	1,500 00				1,500 00	
Total .....	\$2,612 35	\$1,541 00	\$23,367 07	\$6,327 25	\$1,066 04	\$18,093 60	\$16,124 77	\$3,414 55	\$2,279 91	\$730 42	\$625 06	\$30 50	\$409 48	\$2,194 84	\$515 00	\$616 62	\$171 25	\$17,909 10	\$2,333 04	\$3,033 00	\$960 56	\$104,355 41



<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$1,012 53	\$1,260 84	\$72,808 56
Tractor repairs .....	437 91		
Auto expense .....	849 48		
Crushed stone and gravel ..	1,456 52		
Tarvia .....	2,094 25		
Tools .....	641 72		
Freight and express .....	19 56		
Insurance .....	616 62		
Fuel .....	133 02		
Lumber and cement .....	38 24		
Removing trees .....	71 83		
Regrading Kingsbury Street	79 20		
	<hr/>	7,450 88	
Street Repairs			
Labor .....	\$8,216 78		
Teams .....	2,822 00		
Tarvia .....	9,305 00		
Crushed stone .....	7,866 02		
Cold patch .....	679 75		
Sand and gravel .....	592 70		
Coal .....	35 55		
Repair broom .....	30 50		
	<hr/>	29,548 30	
Street Cleaning			
Labor .....	\$1,681 75		
Teams .....	208 00		
	<hr/>	1,889 75	
Crusher Expenses			
Labor .....	\$278 50		
Equipment and repairs ....	2,373 42		
Explosives .....	162 00		
Coal .....	220 51		
Lumber .....	23 64		
Oil .....	20 90		
Tools and supplies .....	46 78		
Inspection .....	5 00		
	<hr/>	3,130 75	
Bridges			
Lumber .....	\$263 68		
Crushed stone .....	437 18		
Labor contract .....	80 00		
	<hr/>	780 86	
Drainage			
Engineer .....	\$35 00		
Equipment .....	40 19		
Grates and drains .....	235 03		
Labor contract .....	232 55		
Rubber boots .....	11 00		
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<i>Carried forward</i> .....		\$44,615 15	\$72,808 56

<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$44,615 15	\$72,808 56
Brush		
Removing trees .....	\$189 70	
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Signs .....	\$195 00	
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	<hr/>	\$44,999 85
Appropriation .....	\$45,000 00	
Sidewalks and Curbings		
Superintendent .....	\$52 88	
Labor .....	34 41	
Engineer .....	629 50	
Contractor .....	10,660 56	
Edgestones .....	1,610 86	
Tools .....	10 25	
Recording fees .....	1 54	
	<hr/>	\$13,000 00
Appropriation .....	\$13,000 00	

## SNOW REMOVAL

Superintendent .....	\$518 29	
Labor .....	4,115 34	
Teams .....	48 00	
Plowing .....	3,033 00	
Equipment and repairs .....	600 15	
Sand .....	85 20	
Tractor and expenses .....	859 33	
Lunches for men .....	19 05	
Tools and supplies .....	78 45	
Auto repairs .....	45 50	
Rubber boots .....	27 50	
	<hr/>	\$9,429 81
Appropriation .....	\$9,300 00	

## HARRIS AVENUE

Superintendent .....	317 28	
Engineer .....	488 00	
Labor .....	5,227 00	
Teams .....	1,893 50	
Sand .....	510 64	
Grates and frames .....	128 75	
Crushed stone .....	2,831 69	
Binder .....	3,327 60	
Edgestones .....	414 68	
Pipe and cement .....	22 12	
Coal .....	201 33	
Removing tree .....	35 00	
Setting boundary stones .....	35 00	
Equipment and repairs .....	124 92	
Lawnseed and tools .....	91 35	
Oil .....	8 30	
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<i>Carried forward</i> .....	\$15,657 16	\$140,238 22

<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$15,657 16	\$140,238 22
Legal fees .....	17 11	
Blue prints .....	60	
Freight .....	2 22	
	<hr/>	\$15,677 09
Appropriation .....	\$16,000 00	

## FAIR OAKS PARK

Superintendent .....	105 76	
Engineer .....	110 00	
Labor .....	1,407 76	
Teams .....	601 75	
Crushed stone .....	1,102 99	
Binder .....	1,025 00	
Gravel .....	90 00	
Sand .....	50 00	
Legal fees .....	6 74	
	<hr/>	4,500 00
Appropriation .....	\$4,500 00	
Central Avenue reconstruction 1922		
Balance \$2.24		

## CENTRAL AVENUE

(Reconstruction)

Superintendent .....	264 40	
Labor .....	1,358 92	
Teams .....	462 00	
Binder .....	1,482 00	
Crushed stone .....	2,347 87	
Coal .....	34 65	
Explosives .....	9 25	
Auto supplies .....	40 91	
	<hr/>	6,000 00
Appropriation .....	\$3,000 00	
Award from County ....	3,000 00	

## BRADFORD STREET DRAIN

Superintendent .....	105 76	
Engineer .....	100 00	
Labor .....	474 00	
Teams .....	94 00	
Pipe .....	1,698 69	
Labor (contract) .....	545 41	
Grates .....	309 00	
Bricks .....	87 50	
Cement .....	47 50	
Lumber .....	36 42	
	<hr/>	3,498 28
Appropriation .....	\$4,500 00	
<i>Carried forward</i> .....		\$169,913 59



<i>Brought forward</i> .....		\$169,913 59
<b>CHESTNUT STREET BRIDGE</b>		
Contract .....	\$3,796 63	
		3,796 63
Appropriation		
Received from State ....	\$1,073 75	
Received from County ..	3,533 95	
Balance from 1922 .....	636 15	
<b>GREAT PLAIN AVENUE SIDEWALK</b>		
Superintendent .....	\$211 52	
Labor .....	33 95	
Engineer .....	40 00	
Dry wells and drainage .....	181 95	
Granolithic .....	912 00	
Edgestones .....	307 50	
Grates and frames .....	77 25	
Bricks .....	151 50	
Removing pole .....	35 00	
Service of flagman .....	3 08	
		1,953 75
Appropriation .....	\$2,000 00	
<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>		
Edison Electric Illuminating Co. ....	\$9,519 02	
Relocating pole .....	3 00	
		9,522 02
Appropriation .....	\$9,600 00	
<b>JENNIE D. STANWOOD</b>		
Purchase of land .....	\$85 00	
		85 00
Appropriation .....	\$85 00	
<b>CENTRAL AVENUE DAMAGE AWARDS</b>		
A. E. Alden <i>et als.</i> , awards .....	\$5,030 00	
		5,030 00
Credit by checks returned ...	\$1,000 00	
Appropriation .....	5,880 00	
<b>KINGSBURY LEDGE</b>		
Purchase of ledge .....	\$1,000 00	
		1,000 00
Appropriation .....	\$1,000 00	
<b>HILLSIDE AVENUE WALL</b>		
William H. Carter .....	\$1,500 00	
		1,500 00
Appropriation .....	\$1,500 00	
<i>Carried forward</i> .....		\$192,800 99

*Brought forward* ..... \$192,800 99

## EDUCATION AND LIBRARY

## Schools

## General Expenses

School Committee Salaries .		
Other expenses .....	\$1,390 90	
Superintendent of Schools and enforcement of law .	3,683 28	
Other expenses .....	132 52	
	<hr/>	\$5,206 70

## Expenses of Instruction

Supervisor salaries .....	\$3,190 00	
Other expenses, coach .....	500 00	
Principals, High .....	3,250 00	
Principals, Elementary .....	6,650 00	
Teachers, High .....	18,412 25	
Teachers, Elementary .....	60,429 12	
	<hr/>	92,431 37

Text books, High .....	\$836 16	
Text books, Elementary ...	1,116 33	
Supplies, High .....	1,097 57	
Supplies, Elementary .....	3,820 26	
	<hr/>	6,870 32

## Expenses of Operating School Plant

Wages of janitor, High ....	\$1,136 98	
Wages of janitor, Elementary	5,860 97	
Fuel, High .....	1,083 45	
Fuel, Elementary .....	7,131 18	
Miscellaneous, High .....	133 07	
Miscellaneous, Elementary .	1,271 10	
	<hr/>	16,616 75

## Expenses of Maintenance of School Plant

Repairs, High .....	\$928 97	
Repairs, Elementary .....	5,147 96	
	<hr/>	6,076 93

## Auxiliary Agencies

Health .....	\$2,185 29	
Transportation .....	2,752 60	
	<hr/>	4,937 89

## Miscellaneous Expenses

Tuition .....	\$487 68	
Sundries .....	1,068 04	
	<hr/>	1,555 72

## Outlays

New Equipment .....	\$1,305 15	
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*Carried forward* ..... \$135,000 83      \$192,800 99

<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$135,000 83	\$192,800 99
Other Payments		
Evening School .....	\$347 53	
Vocational education .....	586 79	
	<hr/>	934 32
Appropriation \$136,000 00		135,935 15
Receipts		
Tuition .....	\$75 00	
Vocational ...	123 25	
State .....	11,587 50	
Smith-Hughes		
Fund .....	15 18	
Miscellaneous	18 18	
New High School Building		
On account of contracts		
Architect .....	\$10,957 59	
General .....	98,619 55	
Plumbing and heating .....	8,264 70	
Electric .....	1,845 00	
Guaranty Bonds .....	3,642 72	
Engineering .....	55 00	
Removing stumps .....	14 00	
Corner stone box .....	10 76	
Stationery .....	2 75	
	<hr/>	123,412 07
Vocational Tuition		
City of Boston .....	\$223 76	
City of Newton .....	1,604 50	
	<hr/>	1,828 26
Appropriation .....	\$1,800 00	
Received from State ....	997 25	
Kimball School Repairs		
Carpentry .....	\$3,931 00	
Plumbing .....	2,775 93	
Electric work .....	9 00	
Architect .....	664 00	
Hardware .....	117 35	
	<hr/>	7,497 28
Appropriation .....	7,500 00	
Public Library		
Salaries		
Librarian .....	\$1,474 98	
Assistants .....	1,739 88	
Janitor .....	540 00	
Moving books .....	90 00	
Periodicals .....	233 26	
Cards .....	12 56	
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<i>Carried forward</i> .....	\$4,090 68	\$461,473 75

<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$4,090 68	\$461,473 75
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Books .....	1,128 72
Binding ..	196 48
Fuel .....	629 82
Lamps .....	7 05
Repairs on building .....	558 19
Furnishings .....	168 04
Care of grounds .....	32 00
Stationery and postage .....	52 75
Telephone .....	27 60
Removal of ashes .....	18 00
Express .....	18 23
Printing .....	12 00
Janitor's supplies .....	11 63
Water .....	6 27
Book plates .....	45 10
Librarian's expenses .....	23 67
Miscellaneous .....	4 77

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7,031 00

Appropriation .....	\$7,031 00
Receipts from fines .....	323 00

## RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

## Park Department

Bathhouse supervision .....	100 00
Equipment and repairs .....	104 79
Trees and shrubs .....	44 60
Care of parks .....	471 44
Teams .....	55 58
Loam .....	16 00
Water .....	8 00
Advertising .....	2 63
Labor .....	3 10

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Appropriation .....	\$900 00
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## Memorial Day

Music .....	75 00
Printing .....	16 25
Flowers .....	43 00
Lunches .....	91 55
Flags .....	17 27
Taxi and expressage .....	2 00

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245 07

Appropriation .....	250 00
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## American Legion

Rent of quarters .....	93 00
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93 00

Appropriation .....	360 00
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## G. A. R.

Rent of quarters .....	150 00
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150 00

Appropriation .....	150 00
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<i>Carried forward</i> .....	
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\$469,798 96

<i>Brought forward</i> .....		\$469,798 96
Unclassified		
Town Reports, printing .....	\$913 07	
Town Reports, distributing .....	35 00	
Certification of notes .....	66 00	
Legal fees .....	178 88	
Dog Officer .....	32 35	
Engineer .....	230 50	
Flowers .....	35 00	
Printing .....	12 90	
Draping hall .....	25 00	
Engraved resolutions .....	35 00	
Ink (all departments) .....	5 02	
Rental adding machine .....	15 00	
Cemetery care .....	10 00	
Ringing bells July 4th .....	15 00	
Damage award .....	5 50	
Miscellaneous .....	9 85	
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Appropriation .....	\$1,630 00	1,624 07
Insurance Department		
Premiums .....	\$1,506 10	
Blanket forms .....	47 15	
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Appropriation .....	1,800 00	1,553 25
Sewerage Committee		
Engineer's services .....	\$1,800 00	
Reports .....	345 18	
Plans .....	122 45	
Express .....	35	
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Appropriation .....	2,500 00	2,267 98
Ruth M. Moseley		
Release of interest .....	\$10 00	
		<hr/>
Appropriation .....	10 00	10 00
Alger E. Eaton		
Damage award .....	\$450 00	
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Appropriation .....	450 00	450 00
Town Planning Board		
Prints .....	\$9 00	
Mounting .....	5 00	
Stationery .....	12 25	
		<hr/>
Appropriation .....	50 00	26 25
<i>Carried forward</i> .....		<hr/>
		\$475,730 51

<i>Brought forward</i> .....		\$475,730 51	
Piano for Town Hall			
New piano .....	\$1,000 00		1,000 00
Appropriation .....	\$1,000 00		
Memorial Park Trustees			
Labor .....	\$3,415 27		
Grates and frames .....	37 20		
Sewer pipe .....	9 81		
Painting flagpole .....	12 50		
Grading .....	25 00		
Appropriation .....	3,500 00		3,499 78
Memorial Park, Headquarters			
Contract moving .....	\$2,500 00		
Contract excavating .....	1,974 50		
Engineering .....	25 00		
Lally columns .....	38 00		
Bricks .....	54 00		
Repairs .....	168 50		
Labor .....	240 00		5,000 00
Appropriation .....	5,000 00		
Deficiencies 1922			
Board of Selectmen .....	\$9 18		
Town Clerk .....	27 30		
Tax Collector .....	131 03		
Assessors .....	3 67		
Election and registration .....	25 25		
Town Hall and grounds .....	386 05		
Police .....	34 12		
Fire .....	318 66		
Fire Alarm .....	30 09		
Moth .....	9 73		
Board of Health .....	592 96		
Poor .....	200 23		
School .....	43 84		
Vocational tuition .....	750 77		
Wm. Carter School .....	52 95		
Sidewalk Department .....	806 09		
Removal of snow .....	8 75		
Street lighting .....	391 23		
Library .....	16 28		
Unclassified .....	5 00		
Overdraft paid in 1922 .....	2,076 40		3,843 18
Appropriation .....	6,700 00		
Appropriation .....	\$3,623 60		
Norfolk County Hospital			
Assessment .....	\$5,018 62		5,018 62
Appropriation .....	\$5,618 62		
<i>Carried forward</i> .....		\$494,092 09	



*Brought forward*..... \$494,092 09

## INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

## Interest on Temporary Loans

Discount on Tax Notes .....	\$12,349 98	12,349 98
Appropriation \$7,500		

## Interest on Funded Loans

School Building Loans .....	120 00
School land .....	190 00
Refunding Loan 3½% .....	735 00
Refunding Loan 4½% .....	2,760 00
Stephen Palmer School .....	950 00
William Carter School .....	7,750 00
New High School .....	5,754 33
Public Library Loan .....	240 00
Street Widening and Construction .....	409 50
Norfolk County Hospital .....	450 00
High School Land .....	753 18

20,112 01

Appropriation ..... \$14,985 75

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

School Building Loan .....	\$1,000 00
Stephen Palmer School .....	2,500 00
School Land .....	500 00
William Carter School .....	10,000 00
New High School Land .....	4,337 50
Public Library Loan .....	500 00
Street Widening and Construction .....	1,400 00
Norfolk County Hospital .....	1,000 00
Water Bonds .....	10,000 00
School Land Loan .....	32,500 00

63,737 50

Appropriation ..... \$31,400 00  
Bond Issue ..... 32,500 00

## PREMIUM RESERVE ACCOUNT

Preparing Bond Issues .....	\$550 00
Interest applied on Bonds .....	823 74
Payments on bonds .....	162 50

1,536 24

Premiums received ..... \$4,279 04

## TAXES AND REFUNDS

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State Tax .....	\$23,520 00
Charles River Basin .....	1,265 07
Metropolitan Park .....	7,353 25
Auditing Municipal Accounts .....	75 58
Repairing State Highway .....	1,017 50
Soldiers' Exemptions .....	22 06
Civilian War Poll Tax .....	6,108 00

*Carried forward* ..... \$39,361 46      \$591,827 82

<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$39,361 46	\$591,827 82
Corporation Tax .....	131 15	
Norfolk County Tax .....	18,002 63	
Temporary Tax Loans .....	250,000 00	
Taxes refunded .....	464 07	
Taxes on Tax Titles .....	428 81	
Licenses refunded .....	11 00	
	<hr/>	308,399 12
Cash on hand January 1, 1923		
General .....	\$122,327 21	
High School Building .....	165,468 55	
	<hr/>	287,795 76
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		<u>\$1,188,022 70</u>

## RESERVE FUND

Transfers to		
Town Planning Board .....	\$50 00	
Fire Alarm Department .....	306 00	
Inspection Department .....	260 00	
Unclassified .....	230 00	
Tree Warden's Department .....	150 00	
Police Department .....	267 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,263 00
Appropriation .....	\$2,500 00	

## BALANCE SHEET — JANUARY 1, 1924

General cash .....	\$287,795 76	
Taxes, 1921 .....	8,621 25	
Taxes, 1922 .....	9,594 39	
Taxes, 1923 .....	113,287 85	
Moth Tax, 1922 .....	3 24	
Moth Tax, 1923 .....	655 09	
Sidewalks, 1923 .....	1,165 85	
Moth Assessment Revenue .....		\$658 33
Street Betterment, 1923 .....	8,527 78	
Overlay, 1921 .....		5,283 43
Overlay, 1922 .....		1,720 18
Overlay, 1923 .....		4,990 65
Tax Titles .....	2,451 73	
Certificates of Possession .....	3,007 26	
Department Bills Receivable .....	8,441 54	
Departmental Revenue .....		7,157 21
Excess and Deficiency .....		18,766 44
Temporary Tax Loans .....		250,000 00
Removal of Snow .....	129 81	
Central Avenue Reconstruction .....	2,997 76	
Bradford Street Drain .....		1,001 72
Central Avenue Damage Awards .....		850 00
Engineer's Plans, Surface Drains .....		350 00
Military Aid .....	145 00	
Soldier's Relief .....	2 00	
Interest on Temporary Loans .....	4,849 98	
Interest on Funded Loans .....	5,126 26	
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<i>Carried forward</i> .....	\$456,802 55	\$290,777 96

<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$456,802 55	\$290,777 96
New High School Building .....		162,725 75
Premium Reserve Account .....		2,742 80
Smith-Hughes Fund .....		15 18
Greenwood and Barr Fund Income .....		569 12
Vocational Tuition.....	28 26	
	<u>\$456,830 81</u>	<u>\$456,830 81</u>

There was received during the year 1923, as premiums and accrued interest on bonds issued, \$4,279.04. There is a balance left in this account of \$2,742.80 which may be applied on the next bond payment of the New High School Building.

The dog tax of \$733.54 and the income of the Greenwood and Barr Funds of \$572.89 has been transferred to the Public Library.

The income of the Dwight School Fund of \$210 has been transferred to the School Department.

Five hundred dollars has been received from the Norfolk County Commissioners to care for the overdraft of 1922. Three thousand dollars will also be paid which will take care of the apparent overdraft of 1923.

# RECAPITULATION

1922	1922	1922	1922	1922	1922	1922
Balance	Appropriation	Transfers	Total	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Selectmen .....	\$1,050 00	.....	\$1,050 00	\$911 31	\$138 69	.....
Accounting .....	1,650 00	.....	1,650 00	1,649 84	16	.....
Treasury .....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....
Assessors .....	3,000 00	.....	3,000 00	3,000 00	.....	.....
Tax Collector .....	2,000 00	.....	2,000 00	1,805 43	194 57	.....
Town Clerk .....	700 00	.....	700 00	699 38	62	.....
Election and Registration .....	1,100 00	.....	1,100 00	970 08	129 92	.....
Finance Committee .....	250 00	.....	250 00	194 00	56 00	.....
Town Hall and Grounds .....	5,755 00	.....	5,755 00	3,253 56	2,501 44	.....

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police .....	10,810 00	\$267 00	11,077 00	11,076 65	35	.....
Fire .....	15,731 00	.....	15,731 00	15,666 33	64 67	.....
Fire Alarm .....	1,185 00	306 00	1,491 00	1,472 35	18 65	.....
Inspection .....	1,600 00	260 00	1,860 00	1,860 00	.....	.....
Tree Warden .....	795 11	150 00	945 11	932 08	13 03	.....
Forest Warden .....	145 00	.....	145 00	145 00	.....	.....
Moth Public .....	4,742 59	.....	4,742 59	4,560 67	181 92	.....
Moth Private .....	4,500 00	.....	4,500 00	2,901 84	1,598 16	.....
Hydrant Markers .....	\$97 00	.....	97 00	.....	97 00	.....
Police Ambulance .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fire Chief's Auto .....	350 00	.....	350 00	350 00	.....	.....

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health .....	3,636 50	.....	3,636 50	2,242 51	1,393 99	.....
Removal of Garbage .....	710 00	.....	710 00	709 15	85	.....

# RECAPITULATION—continued

	1922 Balance	Appropriation	Transfers	Total	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
<b>CHARITIES</b>							
Poor .....	.....	\$16,000 00	.....	\$16,000 00	\$14,333 38	\$1,666 62	.....
State Aid .....	.....	900 00	.....	900 00	528 00	372 00	.....
Military Aid .....	.....	500 00	.....	500 00	645 00	.....	\$145 00
Soldiers' Relief .....	.....	800 00	.....	800 00	802 00	.....	2 00
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>							
Highways .....	.....	45,000 00	.....	45,000 00	44,999 85	15	.....
Sidewalks .....	.....	13,000 00	.....	13,000 00	13,000 00	.....	.....
Snow Removal .....	.....	9,300 00	.....	9,300 00	9,429 81	.....	129 81
Chestnut Street Bridge .....	\$636 15	.....	\$4,607 70*	5,243 85	3,796 63	1,447 22	.....
Central Avenue, 1922 .....	2 24	.....	.....	2 24	.....	2 24	.....
Central Avenue, 1923 .....	.....	3,000 00	.....	3,000 00	6,000 00†	.....	3,000 00
Hillside Avenue Wall .....	1,500 00	.....	.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	.....
Harris Avenue .....	.....	16,000 00	.....	16,000 00	15,677 09	322 91	.....
Fair Oaks Park .....	.....	4,500 00	.....	4,500 00	4,500 00	.....	.....
Bradford Street Drain .....	.....	4,500 00	.....	4,500 00	3,498 28	1,001 72	.....
Great Plain Avenue Walk .....	.....	2,000 00	.....	2,000 00	1,953 75	46 25	.....
Kingsbury Ledge .....	1,000 00	.....	.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....
Street Lighting .....	.....	9,600 00	.....	9,600 00	9,522 02	77 98	.....
<b>EDUCATION AND LIBRARY</b>							
Schools .....	.....	136,000 00	.....	136,000 00	135,935 15	64 85	.....
Vocational Tuition .....	.....	1,800 00	.....	1,800 00	1,828 26	.....	28 26
Kimball School Repairs .....	.....	7,500 00	.....	7,500 00	7,497 28	2 72	.....
Public Library .....	.....	7,031 00	.....	7,031 00	7,031 00	.....	.....

# RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Park Department	900 00	.....	900 00	806 14	93 86	.....
Memorial Day	250 00	.....	250 00	245 07	4 93	.....
American Legion Rent	360 00	.....	360 00	93 00	267 00	.....
G. A. R. Rent	150 00	.....	150 00	150 00	.....	.....
Unclassified	1,400 00	230 00	1,630 00	1,624 07	5 93	.....
Insurance	1,800 00	.....	1,800 00	1,553 25	246 75	.....
Sewerage Committee	2,500 00	.....	2,500 00	2,267 98	232 02	.....
Ruth M. Moseley Release	10 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
Alger E. Eaton Damage	450 00	.....	450 00	450 00	.....	.....
Piano for Town Hall	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....
Town Planning Board	.....	50 00	50 00	26 25	23 75	.....
Memorial Park Trustees	3,500 00	.....	3,500 00	3,499 78	22	.....
Memorial Park Headquarters	5,000 00	.....	5,000 00	5,000 00	.....	.....
Deficiencies 1922	6,700 00	.....	6,700 00	5,919 58	780 42	.....
Norfolk County Hospital	5,018 62	.....	5,018 62	5,018 62	.....	.....
Committee on Transportation	534 62	.....	534 62	.....	534 62	.....
Central Avenue Damage Award	5,880 00	1,000 00	6,880 00	6,030 00	850 00	.....
J. D. Stanwood Land	85 00	.....	85 00	85 00	.....	.....
Plans for Drains	350 00	.....	350 00	.....	350 00	.....

# INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest on Temporary Loans	7,500 00	.....	7,500 00	12,349 98	.....	4,849 98
Interest on Funded Loans	14,985 75	.....	14,985 75	20,112 01	.....	5,126 26
Municipal Indebtedness	31,400 00	.....	31,400 00	31,237 50	162 50	.....
Reserve Fund	2,500 00	.....	2,500 00	1,263 00	1,237 00	.....
	\$6,620 01	\$428,130 57	\$6,870 70	\$438,718 91	\$16,183 68	\$13,281 31

\*Award by State, \$1,073 75; Award by County, \$3,503 95. †\$3,000 to be returned by County.



# DEBT STATEMENT

## Summary of Outstanding Indebtedness December 31, 1923

### Also Amounts due for Principal and Interest During the year 1924

#### LOANS

	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1923	Paid in 1923	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1923	Principal Due in 1924	Interest Due in 1924
School Building .....	\$3,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$2,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$80 00
Refunding 3½% .....	21,000 00	.....	21,000 00	.....	735 00
Refunding 4% .....	69,000 00	.....	69,000 00	.....	2,760 00
Stephen Palmer School .....	25,000 00	2,500 00	22,500 00	2,500 00	850 00
School Land .....	5,000 00	500 00	4,500 00	500 00	170 00
Public Library .....	6,000 00	500 00	5,500 00	500 00	220 00
Street Widening and Construction .....	9,800 00	1,400 00	8,400 00	1,400 00	346 50
Norfolk County Hospital .....	10,000 00	1,000 00	9,000 00	1,000 00	405 00
Water Bonds .....	139,000 00	10,000 00	129,000 00	9,000 00	5,160 00
William Carter School .....	160,000 00	10,000 00	150,000 00	10,000 00	7,250 00
High School Land .....	32,500 00	4,500 00	28,000 00	4,000 00	1,190 00
New High School .....	.....	.....	280,000 00	14,000 00	11,602 50
	\$480,300 00	\$31,400 00	\$728,900 00	\$43,900 00	\$30,769 00

## DISTRIBUTION OF TAX RATE OF 1923

State Tax .....	\$1.557
County Tax .....	1.258
State Highway Tax .....	.067
Metropolitan Park Tax .....	.570
Auditing Municipal Accounts .....	.005
Norfolk County Hospital .....	.332
1. School Department .....	8.992
2. Highway .....	2.980
3. Poor .....	1.059
4. Fire Department .....	1.041
5. Sidewalk .....	.861
6. Police .....	.789
7. Street Lighting .....	.635
8. Snow Removal .....	.615
9. Moth Department .....	.603
10. Kimball School Repairs .....	.497
11. Central Avenue Damage Awards .....	.389
12. Public Library .....	.381
13. Memorial Park Headquarters .....	.333
14. Town Hall and Grounds .....	.308
15. Bradford Street Drain .....	.298
16. Board of Health .....	.240
17. Memorial Park Trustees .....	.223
18. Central Avenue Construction .....	.200
19. Assessors .....	.198
20. Reserve Fund .....	.166
21. State Military Aid and Soldiers' Relief .....	.160
22. Tax Collector .....	.132
23. Vocational Tuition .....	.119
24. Accounting .....	.109
25. Inspection .....	.106
26. Unclassified .....	.093
27. Fire Alarm .....	.078
28. Election and Registration .....	.072
29. Piano for Town Hall .....	.066
30. Selectmen .....	.069
31. Treasurer .....	.066
32. Park Department .....	.060
33. Tree Warden .....	.053
34. Removal of Garbage .....	.046
35. Town Clerk .....	.046
Insurance .....	.119
Interest on Temporary Loans .....	.500
Interest on Funded Loans .....	.999
Municipal Indebtedness .....	2.079
Miscellaneous .....	.131
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	\$29.70

## GASOLINE ACCOUNT 1923

Bought of Jenney Mfg. Co.

6,689½ Gallons Gasoline

781 Quarts Oil

7 Ten-pound Pails Grease

Charged to Departments as follows:

	Gasoline	Oil	Grease
Highway .....	2,558	377	4
Water .....	1,857½	90	2
Moth .....	701	63½	..
Police .....	670	96½	..
Fire .....	692	109½	1
Fire Alarm.....	211	44½	..
	<hr/> 6,689½	<hr/> 781	<hr/> 7

## WATER DEPARTMENT

## Maintenance

## Salaries

Superintendent .....	\$2,335	20
Clerical .....	1,433	66
Labor .....	1,994	48
Stationery and postage .....	185	88
Printing .....	13	50
Telephones .....	111	05
Auto expenses .....	984	12
Pipe and fittings .....	916	07
Liability Insurance .....	225	48
Meters and fittings .....	611	24
Equipment and repairs .....	407	04
Tools and supplies .....	241	92
Interest on loans .....	148	94
Water purchased .....	102	67

## Pumping Station

Engineers .....	3,641	80
Fuel .....	2,906	75
Machinery repairs .....	43	85
Station repairs .....	14	29
Oil and waste .....	229	10
Lights .....	106	85
Freight .....	25	99

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\$16,679 88

## Construction

Labor on services .....	\$2,099	86
Materials .....	5,094	23
Labor on mains .....	566	76
Materials .....	1,805	48
Trenching .....	315	16

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9,881 49

## Increasing and Protection

John Cavanaugh & Son .....	\$600	00
L. Savignano .....	700	00
Pipe and fittings .....	243	50
Teaming .....	50	00
New Engine .....	519	39
Labor .....	103	58

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2,216 47

## Receipts

Meter rentals .....	\$1,743 33	
Water rates .....	27,169 13	
Repairs .....	463 16	
Construction .....	2,913 13	
Fines .....	134 20	
Rents and miscellaneous .....	251 13	
Interest on bank balances .....	41 64	
Cash January 1, 1923 .....	2,442 53	
		\$35,158 25

## Expenditures

Maintenance .....	\$16,530 94	
Construction .....	9,881 49	
Increasing and protecting .....	2,216 47	
Interest on bonds .....	5,560 00	
Interest on loans .....	148 94	
Cash on hand January 1, 1924 .....	820 41	
		35,158 25

## Maintenance

## Earnings 1923

Meter rentals .....	1,693 92	
Water rates .....	21,884 18	
Repairs .....	534 66	
Demands .....	134 20	
Rents and miscellaneous .....	251 13	
Interest on balance .....	41 64	
		24,539 73

## Expenses

Labor .....	\$9,405 14	
Materials .....	7,125 80	
Interest on bonds .....	5,560 00	
Interest on loans .....	148 94	
		22,239 88

## Construction

## Earnings

New Service .....	\$2,850 50	
		2,850 50

## Expenses

Labor on services .....	\$2,099 86	
Materials for services .....	5,094 23	
Labor on mains .....	566 76	
Materials for mains .....	1,805 48	
Trenching .....	315 16	
		9,881 49
		\$158,605 94

## WATER DEPARTMENT BALANCE SHEET

Cash on hand .....	\$820 41	
Meter rentals .....	53 03	
Water rates .....	1,212 39	
Repairs .....	69 74	
Water Construction, bills receivable .....	95 80	
Water Construction, pledged to construction ..		95 80
Water Revenue .....		25,141 82
Water Construction .....	22,986 25	
	\$25,237 62	\$25,237 62

## UNPAID BILLS ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1924

Board of Assessors		
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.....	\$3 67	\$3 67
Treasury Department		
C. E. Stanwood .....	\$10 89	10 89
Inspection Department		
Joseph Alexander .....	\$19 48	19 48
Library Department		
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....	\$2 50	
John Lawson .....	6 02	8 52
Board of Health		
Norfolk County Hospital.....	\$20 80	
City of Somerville .....	51 00	71 80
Fire Alarm Department		
Needham Hardware Co. ....	\$1 20	
Edison Electric Ill. Co.....	5 45	6 65
Fire Department		
Walker Gordon Laboratory Co. ....	\$15 00	
B. A. Patenaude .....	5 08	
Stack & McAdam .....	50	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....	5 60	
Needham Hardware Co. ....	1 25	
Edison Electric Ill. Co. ....	8 46	
T. R. Quinlan .....	56 50	
George W. Holt .....	50 00	
Hose 1, Salary .....	45 27	187 66
Sidewalk Department		
P. D. G. Hamilton .....	\$214 50	214 50
Highway Department		
Jenney Manufacturing Co. ....	\$15 83	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....	3 83	
Standard Oil Co. ....	65 60	
West Roxbury Trap Rock Co. ....	230 37	
Stack & McAdam .....	1 67	
Chas. J. McCarthy & Co. ....	2 25	
Joseph A. Rosetti .....	293 87	613 42
Police Department		
W. H. Stanton .....	\$26 20	
Edward Daly .....	8 20	
John W. Riley .....	2 00	
New England Tel. & Tel. ....	11 70	
Needham Hardware Co. ....	1 70	
Modern Garage.....	43 70	93 50
Carried forward .....		\$1,230 09

<i>Brought forward</i> .....		\$1,230 09
Removal of Snow		
DeLacy Atkinson .....	\$62 50	
T. J. Crossman Co. ....	4 65	
J. H. Fitzgerald .....	119 20	
Needham Hardware Co. ....	40 28	
Stack & McAdam .....	178 00	
Modern Garage .....	96 77	
Charles J. McCarthy & Co. ....	604 06	
		<hr/> 1,105 46
Insurance		
Julius F. Haller .....	\$39 00	
Allston R. Bowers .....	67 20	
		<hr/> 106 20
Vocational Tuition		
City of Boston .....	\$23 07	
		<hr/> 23 07
School Department		
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....	\$24 81	
Edison Electric Ill. Co. ....	30 12	
		<hr/> 54 93
Poor Department		
Estimated bills .....	\$1,500 00	
		<hr/> 1,500 00
Total .....		<hr/> \$4,019 75

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE E. FOSS,  
Town Accountant.



## REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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To the Citizens of Needham:—

By reference to the table of aggregates following this report, it will be found that the total valuation of the Town of Needham for 1923 is \$12,746,303—an increase of \$889,811 over the valuation of 1922, and an increase over the 1921 valuation of \$1,337,328.

The report from the office of inspector of buildings shows permits issued the past year for buildings estimated to cost \$1,166,950. Practically all of this property must be assessed in 1924.

The lateness in issuing the tax bills for 1923 caused considerable and merited criticism. It also conveys a lesson. A town having practically a valuation of thirteen million dollars can no longer conduct its assessing department on the lines of 1885. The change in conditions calls for a change in administration. The assessors department is the most important department in town. Its work affects every property owner whether he be assessed for \$1000 or \$100,000 of property. The assessors' department should be recognized as important and assessors chosen who appreciate the importance of the office and the seriousness of their oath, and devote to the duties of the office the very best that there is in them. It should no longer be regarded as an odd hour job.

The importance of the office should be understood by every voter and merits his serious consideration and intelligent action.

In order to meet present conditions the following suggestions are made in the hope that a decided and immediate improvement may result.

1.—The designation of one member of the board as "Chief Assessor." This member to devote his entire time to the work, and thus have someone accessible during business hours with authority to act on routine matters. This member to be paid \$1500 to \$2000 a year as salary.

2.—The other two members, who should have sound judgment, a sense of fairness and discretion, even if lacking in expert knowledge of values, to devote their entire time to the inspection and valuation of property, sometimes called road work or field work, and making up poll tax list, until that work is completed. A \$13,000,000 town cannot

be properly assessed in the town hall "after supper." These two members should be available for a day at a time from the end of the road work to the completion of valuation in August; to settle disputed items and to equalize valuations where discrepancies appear. For this service they should be paid \$600 or \$750 per year.

3.—An appropriation should be made for the salary of a competent clerk. One who has the ability to handle details, and who can accurately and rapidly compile the work of the board.

4.—An adequate appropriation for necessary office expenses.

The above will doubtless be regarded as an expensive and ambitious change. Nevertheless if the voters desire an equal distribution of the burden of taxation, which each year grows heavier, then adequate provision must be made to provide the necessary equipment. The conditions now prevailing cannot long continue. There must be a change. And since the overworked term of efficiency is yet applied to department effort it is respectfully suggested that the voters display greater efficiency in providing for the urgent needs of this department of their affairs.

While the assessors have done the work they were elected to do, they have not done it, and could not do it within the time specified by the law, nor with the facilities provided by the town. The necessity of a radical change should be apparent to every property owner and voter in town.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. WOODBURY, Chairman,  
GEORGE W. HOLT, Clerk.  
WM. J. COZENS JR.,

Board of Assessors.

January 15, 1924.

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

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Assessors' Office,

Town Hall, Needham, Mass.

Town Appropriations .....	\$392,395.52
Overlay .....	8,071.57
Amount to be raised for Town purposes....	400,467.09
State Tax .....	23,520.00
County Tax .....	18,002.63
Metropolitan Parks Tax.....	7,353.25
State Highway Tax .....	1,017.50
Charles River Basin Tax .....	1,265.07
Auditing Municipal Accounts .....	75.58
Norfolk County Hospital Tax .....	5,018.62
Total amount to be raised .....	456,719.74
Less estimated receipts .....	67,586.16
Total amount to be raised by taxation .....	\$389,133.58
Valuation April 1st, 1923:	
Real Estate .....	\$10,966,985.00
Personal Estate .....	1,779,318.00
Total Valuation .....	\$12,746,303.00
Taxes:	
On Real Estate .....	\$324,333.81
On Personal Estate .....	52,854.77
On 2389 Polls .....	11,945.00
Total Tax on Polls and Estates .....	\$389,133.58
Moth Tax on Private Property .....	\$2,899.96
Sidewalk Tax .....	898.91
Street Betterment Tax .....	1,555.27
Tax on water land committed to Treasurer..	676.43
Total Tax committed for 1923 .....	\$395,164.15
Number of Horses Assessed .....	172
Number of Cows Assessed .....	327
Number of Sheep Assessed .....	36
Number of Neat Cattle Assessed ...	26
Number of Swine Assessed .....	158
Number of Fowl Assessed .....	5331
Number of Houses Assessed .....	1919
Number of Acres of Land Assessed.	7576
Rate of Taxation \$29.70 Per Thousand.	
Gain in Value of Real and Personal	
Estate over 1922 .....	889,811.00

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES W. WOODBURY,

GEORGE W. HOLT,

WM. J. COZENS, JR.,

Board of Assessors.

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TOWN OF NEEDHAM

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REPORT

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO THE TOWN

AT THE

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 19, 1923

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ELECTION MARCH 12

BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 19, AT 7 O'CLOCK



NEWTON

GARDEN CITY PRESS, INC.

1923



# REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham:*

The Finance Committee respectfully submits the following report, after careful consideration of the matters involved:

## NET BONDED DEBT, DECEMBER 31, 1922

	Date of Issue	Bond Issue	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1922
School Building Loan, Avery School .....	Jan. 1, 1906	\$23,000 00	\$3,000 00
Stephen Palmer School Loan ..	July 1, 1914	45,000 00	25,000 00
School Land Loan, Green Field	July 1, 1912	11,500 00	5,000 00
Public Library Loan .....	Sept. 1, 1914	10,000 00	6,000 00
Street Widening and Construction Loan, High Rock St. ..	July 1, 1919	14,000 00	9,800 00
Norfolk County Hospital Loan	Sept. 1, 1919	13,000 00	10,000 00
Refunding Loan .....	1900-01-02	21,000 00	21,000 00
Refunding Loan .....	1903-14	69,000 00	69,000 00
William Carter School Loan ..	April 1, 1921	45,000 00	42,000 00
William Carter School Loan ..	April 1, 1921	125,000 00	118,000 00
Water Loan Bonds .....	Sept. 1, 1913	40,000 00	22,000 00
Water Loan Bonds .....	Sept. 1, 1914	30,000 00	22,000 00
Water Loan Bonds .....	1892-98 }	260,000 00	95,000 00
Water Loan Bonds .....	1900-07 }		
High School Land Loan .....	1922	32,500 00	32,500 00
			<hr/> \$470,800 00

On the above indebtedness there is due in 1923, \$31,400.00 on account of payments on principal and \$20,545.75 on account of payments for interest!

Assessed valuation of the Town on April 1, 1922: Real Estate, \$10,044,840.00; Personal Estate, \$1,811,652.00; Total \$11,856,492.00.

## ARTICLE 4

The Committee recommends that all unexpended balances of appropriations for 1922, with the exception of those of Committees which may be continued, be returned to the Treasury.

The Committee recommends that the sum of \$6,700.00 be appropriated to pay the deficiencies and overdrafts of 1922. (The deficiencies and overdrafts of 1922 were less than half the amounts of 1921, which shows a decided improvement.)

The Town Treasurer estimates that of the surplus on hand on December 31, 1922, about \$25,000 will be available to the Assessors to reducing the Tax Levy for 1923. The Committee recommends that this be done.

#### ARTICLE 5

The Committee recommends that the money received from Dog Licenses, \$733.54 be appropriated for the use of the Public Library.

#### ARTICLE 6

The Committee recommends the following appropriations under this article.

**Selectmen's Department.** \$1,050. Same as in 1922. [Salaries \$450, Department Clerk \$300, Incidentals \$200, clerk in connection with relief funds \$100.]

**Accounting.** \$1,650. Same as in 1922. [Salary \$1,500, incidentals \$150.]

**Treasurer.** \$1,000. Same as in 1922. [Salary \$500, bonds \$125, clerk \$100, expenses \$275.]

**Tax Collector.** \$1,800. This is \$400 (estimated) less than in 1922. [Salary and expenses, except premium on bond. Salary is based upon collections.]

The Committee recommends that the Tax Collector receive  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1% of the tax warrant for collection of the taxes for the year 1923, instead of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of 1% as heretofore.

**Assessors.** \$3,000. This is \$25 less than in 1922. [Salaries \$2,100, expenses \$900.] The Assessors ask for an increase of \$600 for salaries, but the Committee does not recommend it.

**Finance Committee.** \$250. Same as in 1922. [Printing and distributing Finance Committee reports.]

**Town Clerk.** \$700. Same as in 1922. [Salary \$250, fees \$225, expenses \$225.]

**Election and Registration.** \$1,100. Same as in 1922.

**Town Hall and Grounds.** \$5,630. An increase of \$2,830 over 1922. The Selectmen ask for \$550 for repairs, etc., to scenery, but the Committee does not recommend it. The Selectmen ask for \$2,500 for new slate roof, \$250 increase in janitor's salary, and other incidental increase in expenses which accounts for the \$2,830 over last year. Rentals of Town Hall netted about \$1,200 which went directly into the Town Treasury.

**Police Department.** \$10,310. An increase of \$510 over 1922. This amount includes \$275 for purchase of signal monument in the square, which Messrs. Parker and Farley of this Committee do not approve, and eliminates amount asked for by Police Department for Red Flex signals and Police boat.

**Fire Engineers.** \$200. Same as in 1922.

**Fire Department Salaries.** \$12,766. An increase of \$3,076 over 1922. (About \$1,300 of this is accounted for by salaries of Fire Alarm Department which will be assumed by Fire Department this year.) Permanent men \$10,296, call men \$2,470. Fire Department requests \$800 additional for extra man for six months during vacation period. The Finance Committee does not approve of this expense.

**Fire Department, Maintenance.** \$3,115. An increase of \$615 over 1922. This department has asked for \$700 for automobile for Chief. The Finance Committee does not approve of that amount, but has included in its recommendation an item of \$415 for the purchase of a Ford touring car for the Fire Department Chief.

**Fire Alarm.** \$1,185. This is \$1,515 less than in 1922. Salaries of this department will be assumed by Fire Department this year.

**Board of Health.** \$3,636.50. An increase of \$1,186.50 over 1922. Increase is accounted for by caring for three tuberculosis cases for full year as against half year in 1922, and additional two cases for 1923.

**Inspections.** \$1,600. An increase of \$400 over 1922. This amount covers an estimated expense which cannot be definitely pre-determined.

**Highways, General.** \$45,000. An increase of \$15,000 over 1922. The Selectmen have estimated that \$69,250 is now needed for rebuilding highways, and have asked for \$17,450 for this purpose this year. In addition they have asked for \$28,800 for ordinary maintenance and repairs. The Finance Committee believes that it is essential to do a considerable amount of reconstruction this year in order to avoid greater expense in the future and that a substantial part of the surplus can be applied thereto. They therefore recommend that \$45,000 be appropriated for highways of which not less than \$15,000 be used for reconstruction.

**Sidewalks.** \$10,000. An increase of \$5,000 over 1922. The Selectmen have asked for \$10,000. The Finance Committee believes that the appropriation should be divided, and that \$7,000 be appropriated for construction of permanent sidewalks (granolithic) under the betterment act of which appropriation not less than one-half shall be assessed as betterments, and that \$3,000 be appropriated for the construction and maintenance of other sidewalks. The total eventual cost to the town of both items would be \$6,500.

**Poor Department.** \$16,000. This is \$2,000 less than in 1922.

**Soldier's Relief.** \$800. This is \$700 less than in 1922.

**State Aid.** \$900. Same as in 1922.

**Military Aid.** \$500. This is \$500 less than in 1922.



# COMPARATIVE TABLE OF GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1922 AND THOSE RECOMMENDED FOR 1923

Department	Appropriated 1922	Additions	Expended 1922	Asks 1923	Recommended 1923	Increase	Decrease
Deficiencies . . . . .	\$15,339.46	.....	\$15,024 39	\$6,700 00	\$6,700 00	.....	\$8,639 46
Selectmen . . . . .	1,050 00	.....	968 16	1,050 00	1,050 00	.....	.....
Accounting . . . . .	1,650 00	.....	1,629 74	1,650 00	1,650 00	.....	.....
Treasurer . . . . .	1,000 00	.....	982 91	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....
Tax Collector . . . . .	2,200 00	.....	2,200 00	1,800 00	1,800 00	.....	400 00
Assessors' salaries . . . . .	2,100 00	.....	2,100 00	2,700 00	2,100 00	.....	.....
Assessors' incidentals . . . . .	925 00	.....	910 83	900 00	900 00	.....	25 00
Finance Committee . . . . .	250 00	\$139 25	379 75	250 00	250 00	.....	.....
Town Clerk . . . . .	700 00	.....	699 51	700 00	700 00	.....	.....
Election expenses . . . . .	1,100 00	202 01	1,302 01	1,100 00	1,100 00	.....	.....
Town Hall and grounds . . . . .	2,800 00	.....	2,572 99	6,180 00	5,630 00	\$2,830 00	.....
Police . . . . .	9,800 00	.....	9,799 80	11,506 34	10,310 00	510 00	.....
Fire Engineers . . . . .	200 00	.....	200 00	200 00	200 00	.....	.....
Fire Department salaries . . . . .	9,690 00	594 00	10,256 12	13,566 00	12,766 00	3,076 00	.....
Fire Department maintenance . . . . .	2,500 00	.....	2,517 08	3,400 00	3,115 00	615 00	.....
Fire alarm . . . . .	2,700 00	.....	2,644 25	1,185 00	1,185 00	.....	1,515 00
Health . . . . .	2,450 00	.....	2,441 45	3,636 50	3,636 50	1,186 50	.....
Inspections . . . . .	1,200 00	52 85	1,554 65	1,660 00	1,600 00	400 00	.....
Highway general . . . . .	30,000 00	930 18	30,921 12	46,250 00	45,000 00	15,000 00	.....
Sidewalks . . . . .	5,000 00	.....	4,999 01	10,000 00	10,000 00	5,000 00	.....
Poor . . . . .	18,000 00	.....	16,590 05	16,000 00	16,000 00	.....	2,000 00
Soldiers' relief . . . . .	1,500 00	.....	948 00	800 00	800 00	.....	700 00
State aid . . . . .	900 00	.....	711 00	900 00	900 00	.....	.....
Military aid . . . . .	1,000 00	.....	470 00	500 00	500 00	.....	500 00
Public parks . . . . .	800 00	.....	696 07	1,000 00	900 00	100 00	.....
Public Library . . . . .	5,274 77	1,296 93	6,571 49	6,011 00	5,724 57	449 80	.....

Reserve fund .....	2,500 00	2,111 46	2,500 00	2,500 00	.....	3,204 89
Tree Warden .....	4,000 00	3,204 89	795 11	795 11	.....	.....
Forest Warden .....	145 00	130 40	145 00	145 00	.....	.....
Moth Department public .....	4,500 00	3,205 67	4,742 59	4,742 59	242 59	.....
Moth Department private .....	4,500 00	4,210 65	4,500 00	4,500 00	.....	.....
Garbage collection .....	150 00	150 00	150 00	150 00	.....	.....
Street lighting .....	9,100 00	9,100 00	9,600 00	9,600 00	500 00	.....
Insurance premiums .....	2,700 00	2,228 47	1,800 00	1,800 00	.....	900 00
Memorial Day .....	250 00	211 04	250 00	250 00	.....	.....
G. A. R. rent .....	150 00	150 00	150 00	150 00	.....	.....
Unclassified .....	4,000 00	3,850 91	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	2,600 00
Interest, temporary .....	9,000 00	7,425 38	7,500 00	7,500 00	.....	1,500 00
Interest funded .....	14,492 50	14,492 50	14,985 75	14,985 75	493 25	.....
Municipal indebtedness .....	25,900 70	28,900 00	31,400 00	31,400 00	5,499 30	.....
Snow removal .....	2,500 00	4,274 60	9,000 00	9,000 00	6,500 00	.....
Norfolk County Hospital .....	5,718 25	5,718 25	5,018 62	5,018 62	.....	699 63
Vocational Education .....	1,100 00	1,096 33	1,800 00	1,800 00	700 00	.....
Schools .....	124,700 00	124,865 64	135,340 00	135,790 00	11,090 00	.....
American Legion rent .....	360 00	180 00	360 00	360 00	.....	.....
Trustees Memorial Park .....	1,000 00	986 08	3,500 00	3,500 00	2,500 00	.....
Total general appropriations	\$336,895 68	\$3,425 32	\$336,582 65	\$375,571 91	\$56,692 44	\$22,683 98

**Other 1922 Appropriations** (excluding those bonded and those on which no expenditure was made) totaled \$36,981.82, and expenditures thereunder totaled \$37,074.77. Of this amount \$10,729.92 was under the betterment law, and the greater part will eventually come back to the town.

**Other 1923 appropriations** as recommended by this committee (excluding those to be bonded) total \$37,810.00 and of this amount \$20,500.00 is recommended under the betterment law, so that the greater part will eventually come back to the town.

**Tree Warden.** \$795.11. This is \$3,204.89 less than 1922 and represents the unexpended balance from last year's appropriation which the Tree Warden estimates to be sufficient for this year.

**Moth Suppression, Public Property.** \$4,742.59. An increase of \$242.59 over 1922. [The Committee recommends the appropriation of this amount as required by law, but with the understanding that only necessary work be done.]

**Moth Suppression, Private Property.** \$4,500. Same as in 1922. Money expended on private property for moth suppression is charged to the owners thereof and appears on their tax bills.

**Forest Warden.** \$145. Same as in 1922.

**Insurance Premiums.** \$1,800. This is \$900 less than in 1922.

**Garbage Removal.** \$150. Same as in 1922.

**Street Lighting.** \$9,600. An increase of \$500 over 1922.

**Snow Removal.** \$9,000. An increase of \$6,500 over 1922. Most of this increase may be accounted for by money spent since January first.

**Schools (and Physicians).** \$135,790 plus Dwight School Fund. An increase of \$11,090 over 1922. Included in this amount is an item of \$5,450 for repairs, which is \$450 more than the School Committee estimate. The Finance Committee has visited every school building in town and carefully checked the contemplated repairs, reaching the conclusion that the School Committee's estimates were too low and therefore recommends an additional \$450.

The Finance Committee wishes to take occasion at this time to commend the School Committee for its wise and economical disposal of the repair funds during the past year.

#### SCHOOL BUDGET 1923 AND RECOMMENDATIONS

	Asked 1923	Recommended 1923
<b>Administration Expenses.</b>		
Salaries:		
Superintendent ...	\$3,400 00	\$3,400 00
Janitor .....	100 00	100 00
Clerk .....	750 00	750 00
Attendance officer	250 00	250 00
Rent, school committee rooms .....	250 00	250 00
Expenses, coal, printing, telephone, traveling .....	400 00	400 00
<i>Carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$5,150 00	<hr/> \$5,150 00

## SCHOOL BUDGET—(continued)

	Asked for	Recommended 1923	
<i>Brought forward</i>		\$5,150 00	\$5,150 00
<b>Expenses of Instruction.</b>			
Salaries:			
Supervisors . . .	\$3,150 00	\$3,150 00	
Principals . . . . .	13,950 00	13,950 00	
Teachers, high . . .	19,200 00	19,200 00	
Teachers, elemen- tary . . . . .	56,500 00	56,500 00	
Coach, high . . . . .	500 00	500 00	
Teachers, evening . . .	500 00	500 00	
	<hr/>	93,800 00	93,800 00
Text books . . . . .	\$2,650 00	\$2,650 00	
Supplies . . . . .	4,150 00	4,150 00	
	<hr/>	6,800 00	6,800 00
<b>Expenses of Operating School Plant.</b>			
Janitors' wages . . . .	\$7,000 00	\$7,000 00	
Fuel . . . . .	8,000 00	8,000 00	
Janitors' supplies and miscellaneous . . . .	1,000 00	1,000 00	
Water . . . . .	400 00	400 00	
	<hr/>	16,400 00	16,400 00
<b>Maintenance School Plant Expenses.</b>			
Repairs . . . . .	\$5,000 00	\$5,450 00	
New equipment . . . .	1,850 00	1,850 00	
Upkeep of grounds . .	100 00	100 00	
	<hr/>	6,950 00	7,400 00
<b>Auxiliary Agencies.</b>			
Health expenses:			
Nurse . . . . .	\$1,400 00	\$1,400 00	
Physicians . . . . .	750 00	750 00	
Supplies . . . . .	50 00	50 00	
Transportation . . . .	2,800 00	2,800 00	
	<hr/>	5,000 00	5,000 00
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses.</b>			
Sundries . . . . .	\$850 00	\$850 00	
Tuition . . . . .	200 00	200 00	
Vocational . . . . .	400 00	400 00	
	<hr/>	1,450 00	1,450 00
	<hr/>	\$135,550 00	\$136,000 00
<b>Estimated Receipts.</b>			
Dwight School Fund . .	\$210 00	\$210 00	
Other Receipts ap- proximately . . . . .	12,000 00	12,000 00	
	<hr/>	12,210 00	12,210 00
	<hr/>	\$123,340 00	\$123,790 00

**Tuition, Vocational Education.** \$1,800. An increase of \$700 over 1922. The State reimburses the town one-half.

**Public Library.** \$5,724.57. An increase of \$449.80 over 1922 appropriation. This, together with the amount received from Dog Licenses \$733.54, and the incomes from the Barr and Greenwood Funds of \$572.89, will make a total of \$7,031, showing a net increase of \$459.30. Inside painting and repairs make this increase necessary.

**Public Parks.** \$900. An increase of \$100 over 1922. This extra amount is needed to pay cost of thinning out shrubs on Thorpe Memorial Park.

**Memorial Day.** \$250. Same as in 1922.

**G. A. R. Headquarters.** \$150. Same as in 1922.

**Unclassified.** \$1,400. This is \$2,600 less than in 1922. (Printing and distributing town reports, expense of dog officer, certification of notes, engineer's fees, printing and legal expenses.)

**Reserve Fund.** \$2,500. Same as in 1922.

**Interest, Temporary Loans.** \$7,500. This is \$1,500 less than in 1922.

**Interest, General Loans.** \$14,985.75. An increase of \$493.25 over 1922.

**Municipal Indebtedness.** \$31,400. An increase of \$5,499.30 over 1922.

**Memorial Park Trustees.** \$3,500. It has been pointed out to the Committee that \$3,500 would put the Athletic Field in condition to be used next fall. This amount may be raised (1) in full by town appropriation, (2) part by appropriation and part by subscription or (3) all by subscription.

A majority of the Committee recommends the appropriation of \$3,500 so that the field may be thus completed. A minority recommends an appropriation of \$1,000, believing that any necessary balance should be raised by private subscription.

**Norfolk County Hospital.** \$5,018.62. This is \$699.63 less than in 1922.

**American Legion Rent.** \$360. Same as in 1922, provided American Legion hires headquarters.

## ARTICLE 7

The Committee recommends the adoption of the substance of this article.



**ARTICLE 8**

The Committee recommends that the salaries of all town officers be the same as in 1922, except that of Tax Collector who shall receive  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1% instead of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of 1% of the Tax Warrant as heretofore.

**ARTICLE 9**

The Committee recommends that the Town have its taxes collected in the same manner as in 1922. The Tax Collector shall receive one-half of one per cent of the tax warrant for collection of the taxes for the year 1923, payable monthly as and when same are collected; this compensation shall include all expenses except payment of collector's bond.

The Committee is of the opinion that a new Tax Collector should not receive two-thirds of one per cent which the retiring collector received; hence this recommendation.

**ARTICLE 10**

The Committee recommends the adoption of the substance of this article.

**ARTICLE 11**

The Committee recommends the adoption of the substance of this article.

**ARTICLE 12**

The Committee recommends the adoption of the substance of this article.

**ARTICLE 13**

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$3,000 under this article.

**ARTICLE 14**

The Committee recommends the adoption of the substance of this article. The Finance Committee is not committed for or against the purchase of land for a Central Fire Station. It is only concerned, at this time, with the securing of an option which does not commit the town.

**ARTICLE 15**

The Committee recommends the adoption of the substance of this article.

**ARTICLE 16**

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$7,500 under this article.

**ARTICLE 17**

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$280,000 to erect a separate building for High School purposes under this article.

After a conference with members of the School Committee and of the Special Committee on High School Plans, the Finance Committee made



the above recommendation, and is informed the other two Committees will make a similar recommendation. The Committee further recommends that the Special Committee on High School Plans with the addition of the Chairman of the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools be constituted a Building Committee to carry out the provisions of this article.

#### ARTICLE 18

The Committee recommends the adoption of the substance of this article, with the understanding that the bond issue shall not exceed the sum of \$280,000.

#### ARTICLE 19

The Committee recommends the adoption of the substance of this article.

#### ARTICLE 20

The Finance Committee reports that it is advised that the legal power of the town is limited to appropriating money for the purpose of moving the Moseley house to Memorial Park and there establishing it as a Memorial Building. Thereupon, such a building as a matter of law will pass into the "custody and care" of the Memorial Trustees, who, it is believed, have no power to divest themselves of this custody, by lease or otherwise.

The Finance Committee does not believe that the Moseley House is a suitable memorial to erect on Memorial Park. It cannot apparently be moved to Memorial Park and there legally established as a Legion Club House. It is obvious, therefore, that the appropriation requested would not serve the purpose for which Article 20 is designed, and the Committee therefore recommends that this article be dismissed.

The committee believes, however, that it would be proper to dispose of the Moseley house to the American Legion Post, so that the Post could establish a club house on land of its own or otherwise use it for its own purposes.

The Finance Committee, therefore, suggests that appropriate action be taken, as soon as possible, to authorize the disposition of the Moseley house, either to the Legion for a nominal consideration or if the Legion does not desire the house under these circumstances, for such consideration as the Selectmen may determine. The Committee believes it is not within the legal powers of the town to appropriate money solely for the purposes of the Legion.

#### ARTICLE 21

The Committee recommends the adoption of the substance of this article.

#### ARTICLE 22

The Committee recommends the adoption of the substance of this article.

#### ARTICLE 23

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$450 under this article.

**ARTICLE 24**

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$2,000 under this article, of which \$1,000 will be repaid to the town.

**ARTICLE 25**

The Committee recommends the dismissal of this article as it believes that such repairs as are necessary on Greendale Avenue should be taken care of out of the general highway appropriation.

**ARTICLE 26**

The Committee recommends an appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$500 under this article.

**ARTICLE 27**

The Committee recommends the adoption of the amendment to the By-Laws called for under this article provided the words "*public or commercial*" be inserted before the word garage.

**ARTICLE 28**

The Committee recommends the adoption of the substance of this article.

**ARTICLE 29**

As this does not affect the town of Needham as such, no recommendations is made.

**ARTICLE 30**

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$350 under this article.

**ARTICLE 31**

The Committee recommends that the substance of this article be referred to the Committee, if any, appointed under Article 14, with a view to considering the advisability of incorporating the municipal garage in the same building as the Central Fire Station.

**ARTICLE 32**

The Committee recommends the adoption of the substance of this article.

**ARTICLE 33**

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$16,000 under this article, of which \$15,909.84 is the betterment estimated by the Board of Selectmen, who have the sole control of the matter, as the amount of which will be returned to the town by the abutters.

**ARTICLE 34**

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$4,500 under this article. As the Board of Selectmen states that failure to construct this drain might involve the town in law suits and furthermore, the construction of this drain would settle the question of drainage over a large area, the Finance Committee recommends the appropriation.

**ARTICLE 35**

The Committee recommends the adoption of the substance of this article.

**ARTICLE 36**

The Committee recommends that the sum of \$4,500 be appropriated under this article. \$3,496.00 of this sum will be assessed as betterments to the abutters and will be returned to the town.

**ARTICLE 37**

The Committee recommends the dismissal of this article as School Committee states that signal boxes called for are unnecessary.

**ARTICLE 38**

The Committee recommends the dismissal of this article.

In making this recommendation, the Finance Committee respectfully refers the voters to "The Report of Committee to purchase Motor Ladder Truck" on page 186 of the 1922 Annual Report which says —

"Your Committee recommends that the old ladder truck be properly housed and taken care of so it can be used in case of emergency."

**ARTICLE 39**

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$5,880 under this article as town will be reimbursed in said sum.

**ARTICLE 40**

The Committee recommends that the proceedings of the 1923 Annual and subsequent Town Meetings and the reports of the Town Officers be printed and distributed in the same way as in 1922 and that the printing of the Assessors Lists be omitted this year.

Respectfully submitted,

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